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THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

BASSETT FERGUSON

AND

OF HIS WIFE

SUSAN TAYLOR FERGUSON

NEE WELDON

OF

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

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SOME RELATED FAMILIES

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F O R E W O R D

My interest in a "Family History" was implanted by my Aunt Mrs. Richard C. Brockson (Aunt Temp), as it was from her I received anecdotes and family connections. In the course of my research work I have found that, in general, the things she told me were true - it is only in detail that there are slight discrepancies. This is natural as most of her recollections were from family talks and conversations. The material she gave me however was sufficiently accurate to furnish good "leads". She was so keenly interested in family history that it would have been a great pleasure to her to have known all that I have uncovered. Unfortunately when she was here I did not know how to go about such matters. It was through the kindness and assistance of Florence Ferguson that I was enabled to find my first clues at the Hall of Records in Dover; Mr. deValinger there was ever ready to help.

My Mother, Mrs. Benj. B. Ferguson, gave invaluable assistance, not only with the Perkins and Wesley families, but also with information about her and Father's generation and those following. She had such a keen mind and retentive memory that a great deal of the material should be credited to her. Many other members of the family, especially Ellis F. Roosevelt, Mary S. Ferguson and Virginia Records, cooperated wholeheartedly in furnishing all the information they had.

Conrad's History of Delaware was published in 1908; MacCarter's in 1882; Runk's in 1882(?); Scharf's in 1888. For Index see pp 115 to 121.

It is my hope that some of the younger generation may continue the work which I have begun, and that this "Family History" may serve also as a bond to keep the family in touch with one another.

Bessie Brockson Ferguson

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1940 - Revised 1955

DANIEL FERGUSON, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

A Copy of Papers Prepared For, and Attached to Application For D.A.R. Membership for Miss Bessie B. Ferguson

DANIEL FERGUSON was a son of Colin and Mary Walker Ferguson of Kent County, Maryland. Daniel's father, Colin "wasn an emigrant from Scotland, of respectable character, but in moderate worldly circumstances. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Walker, was a native of Kent County, Mayyland." (Reference: Annals of the American Pulpit, Vol. V. p. 342. Pub. by Robert Carter and Brothers, 530 Broadway, New York, 1861.)

The name of Colin Ferguson, father of Daniel, appears first in Kent County land records May 11, 1749, at which time he bought of Elizabeth Atkinson, widow, one half of "Lot No. 5, at George Town, for which he paid thirty-five pounds "Currency". This shows that he was then of age in order to transact business in his own name, and it shows that he was born before 1728. (Reference: Land No. 16. 233.)

April 4, 1753, his name appears again, when he bought "one-half of Lot No. 5. George Town", for which he gave William Woodland fourteen Pounds. This lot is described as "Fronting on Front Street on Sassafras River." In this transaction Colin Ferguson is described as a "Taylor", and by this he can be further identified. (Reference: Land No. 17.269).

In Land D.D. 5.39, 23d March 1775 is found a record "BETWEEN Collin Ferguson of Kent County in the Province of Maryland Taylor of the one part and Daniel Ferguson of Kent County in the Province Af.(d) Taylor of the other part - - - for the sum of Five Shillings current money to him in hand paid by the said Daniel Ferguson the Receipt and Payment whereof is hereby acknowledged . . . Hath granted bargained and sold . . . . .

ALL that Part or Parcel of a Lot of Land situate lying and being in George Town in Kent County in the Province Af.d known and described in the Plat or Survey of the said Town by Number FIVE . . . which said premises are now in the Actual Pofsefsion of the said Daniel Ferguson by Virtue of a Bargain and sale to him thereof made by the said Collin Ferguson for one whole year and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into Pofsefsion . . . At the same time also appeared before us Mary the wife of the said Collin and also Acknowledged the same and being by us privately examined out of the hearing of her said Husband declared that she made her Acknowledgment willingly and freely and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of ill Usage by her Husband or for fear of his displeasure."

This record will show that Daniel Ferguson was of age in 1775, and was also of proper age to give service in the Revolutionary War.

Colin Ferguson left a will in Kent County, recorded in Wills No. 8. 56, made Dec. 17, 1793, probated Mar. 31, 1800. In it he mentions his wife Mary, eldest son John, son Daniel, Mary Mauldin and "Colin Ferguson Jun r. of Chester Town."

Colin Ferguson, Jr. was a minister in the Protestant Episcopal Church and was also President of Washington College, at Chestertown, Maryland. (Reference: Washington College Bulletin, Historical Miscellany Number, January-February 1935, page 4.)

Daniel Ferguson was married twice: his first wife, according to a letter* from Mrs. Colin F. Stam, which is herewith enclosed, was Ruth Riley; the second was Mary Riley. The records of marriage licenses in Kent County, on page 43 show that a license was granted May 11, 1798.

Mary Riley Ferguson survived her husband as the following pages will show. (* N.B. In this letter from Mrs. Stam of Washington, D.C. she says that Ruth and Mary Riley were cousins.B.B.F.)

Daniel Ferguson served in the American Revolution as may be seen by the following records, and it also appears that he was in more than one enlistment. Vol. XVlll of the Maryland Archives, page 2 shows "The discipline of the Revolutionary armies was not strict, and many left the ranks, when they were needed at home, returning to the services after a few months."

The following is taken from the "Kent County Muster R oll, 27th Battalion, commanded by Col. Donaldson Yeates, found in the manuscript list in the Maryland Historical Society Library, Baltimore, Md.,p. 67.
"Kent Co. Militia Batt.l Second Company Daniel Ferguson" (p. 68)
"Kent County Militia 26th Battalion 1778 Sixth Company Class 3.d
Daniel Fergusson" (p.91)

Record of Maryland Troops in the Continental Service:
"A List of the Minute Company from Kent County under the Command of William Henry who marched from said County 29th January 1776, and now stationed in Northampton, Virginia." Daniel Fergusson
Given under my hand at Head Quarters, 29th Feby., 1776. William Henry

WILL OF DANIEL FERGUSON

Reference: Wills No. 9. 121. Kent County, Maryland.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I Daniel Ferguson of Kent County, State of Maryland, being of sound disposing mind memory & understanding, being weak of body, knowing the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and form as followeth.-

First. I commit my Soul to God, and My body to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. As to my worldly goods which God has pleased to bestow me with, after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I dispose of them as follows.-Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ferguson, a House & Lot in George Town, likewise all my Personal Property, including the Crops growing to her and her Heirs forever. -Item. WHEREAS my dear Wife having four small children to raise I am induced to leave all my Property to her, Still having Sincere filial affection for all my Children. I will that Elizabeth Ferguson, Tempy Ferguson, Mary Ferguson &*Bassett Ferguson my grandchildren and heirs of Richard Ferguson *my son, Mary Boots, Colin Ferguson, Eleanor Richardson, Ruth Hollingsworth, In.o Ferguson, Daniel Ferguson, Hannah Ferguson, Betsy Ferguson, Ann Ferguson and Louis Ferguson two shillings each and every one of them and no more as each' Share of any part of my estate. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Mary Ferguson Executrix of this my last will & Testament Revoking all others. In witnefs I have set my hand & affixt my seal this 26th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eleven. Daniel Ferguson (Seal)

signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator as his last will & Testament in the presence of Geor G. Medford, James Ingram, James Lamb.

Maryland Kent Co. to wit. On the 19th day of June 1811 Came Geo. G. Medford and James Ingram, two of the Subscribing witnefses to this will and feverally made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see Daniel Ferguson the Teststor herein named sign and seal this will and heard him publish pronounce & declare the fame to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of his So doing he was

(to the best of their apprehension) of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they these Deponents and James Lamb (the other Subscribing witnefs) respectively Subscribed their names as witnefses to this will in the presence of the Said testator and at his request, and in the presence of each other. Before

Richard Barroll Reg.r Wills Kent C ounty

WILL OF MARY FERGUSON

Reference: Wills No. 9. 134. Kent County, Maryland

In the name of God, amen, I Mary Ferguson of Kent County State of Maryland being of Sound disposing mind memory and understanding, knowing the Certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth.--First. I commit my Soul to God and my body to be decently intered at the discretion of my Executors. - Item. I give and bequeath unto my Children, Hannah, Betsy, Ann & Louisa Ferguson all my property real and personal to be equally divided between them, and in case oone or more dies before the age of sixteen years then to * be divided between the Survivors, the real property to be sold as well as the personal and the money put out to interest, if my Executor thinks it most advantageous to the children. Item. I give and bequeath to Daniel Ferguson jnr one sorrel colt and the further sum of ten Dollars.-- Lastly I hereby appoint & constitute my trustly frined Samuel Riley my whole and fole Executor of this my last Will and testament. In Witnefs whereof I have hereunto fet my hand and Seal this 14th day November Anno Domini 1811. Mary Ferguson

Witnefs present

Geo. G. Medford James Lamb Thos Smith

Maryland Kent County to wit. On the 27th day of November 1811 Came Geo. G. Medford and James Lamb two of the subscribing witnefses to the within last will and Testament of Mary Ferguson late of Kent County, deceased, and severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testatrix within named Sign and Seal this will and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing she was (to the best of their apprehension) of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they these deponents together with Thos Smith the other Subscribing witnefs to this will respectively Subscribed their names as witnefses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix & in the presence of each other. Before.

Richard Barroll, Reg.r Wills Kent County

Bond for the estate of Daniel Ferguson was given the 28th day of June, 1811, for ten thousand pounds "Current money", by Mary Ferguson, executrix, and John Ferguson and Colin Ferguson. No inventory of account appears. (Reference: Bonds No. 9. p. 362)

Bond for the estate of Mary Ferguson was given the 27th day of November 1811 for ten thousand pounds "Current money" by Samuel Riley, Executor, and Philip Brooks and James Tennant. (Reference Bonds No.9. 374). There was an "Inventory of the Goods & Chattles of Mary Ferguson late of Kent County Appraised by us the Subscribers in Current Money of Maryland this 28th day of November Anno Domini 1811."

This shows many interesting items, and one wonders if some of them may be now among prized antiques. Some items taken at random may be of interest, not alone to show how people lived at that time, but to show relative values.

"Cash on hand	$382.00
1 negro Man (Moses) 5 years to serve)	125.00
1 negro Ditto (Pere) 1 year to serve	40.00
1 negro woman (Philis abt. 24 yrs. of age	120.00
1 negro Boy (Sam) abt. 6 years of age	150.00
19 lb. new feathers 40 cts	7.60

Six feather beds are listed, showing their respective weights, with and everage of about 40 pounds.

"2 Walnut chests with drawers
1 Walnut Desk
1 Small Walnut Table
1 old desk
1 Long Table old
13 old Chairs
1 Large Wheel
3 Spinning
1 Cradel
1 Large Looking Glafs
1 Corner Cupboard
1 Dimijohn
Some old books
½ doz. old Silver Spoons
1 old cream pot Silver
6 Tea Spoons ditto
6 " Ditto old
1 large waiter
1 Small ditto
3 Large Pewter Basons
2 Dutch Ovens
homany Pestle
9 Old Pewter Plates

Many other items, too numereus to mention, making the whole amount $1583.79½

Geo. G. Medford)
Iames Ingram) Appraisers

Inventory returned 29th day of February 1812

Reference: Invts. No. 12. 432

Accounts show:

"Personal Estate of the Deceased pr. Account of Sales	756.99
And with the appreasiment of)	
the negros Pr. Inventory)	435.00
And with Cash found in the House	382.00
And with cash recd. for negro hire pr. a/c	50.00
	1623.99

After paying for "coffin, - $10.00; taxes. $9.25; Docr. Benson Blake his medical account; etc. etc.

Balance due Estate 1379.81

Executor Samuel Riley, guardian to heirs

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The foregoing will show that Daniel Ferguson, son of Colin and Mary Walker Ferguson, was a Revolutionary soldier, and his will identifies Bassett Ferguson as his grandson, the son of Richard Ferguson, and that Richard Ferguson was the son of Daniel Ferguson, the testator. The applicant, Miss Bessie Brockson Ferguson, has Administration Accounts records from the Department of Archives, Dover, Delaware, together with the foregoing, that show Richard Ferguson married Ann Bassett, widow of George Burch, and after the death of Richrd Ferguson, Ann married Thomas Joyce.

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The foregoing papers in regard to Daniel Ferguson were prepared by Mis Sarah Elisabeth Stuart, of Chestertown, Maryland, for Miss Bessie B. Ferguson.

Miss Ferguson was admitted to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution February 1, 1939. National Number 313195.

DR. COLIN FERGUSON, SECOND PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE, CHESTERTOWN, MD. (BROTHER OF DANIEL FERGUSON, OUR REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR)

The following is a copy of a "Memoir of Colin Ferguson", written by her friend, P. Wroth, a pupil of her Father, for Mrs. Ann Eliza Taylor, Daughter of the Rev. Colin Ferguson, D.D.

"Recollections of the Rev. Colin Ferguson, D.D., Principal of Washington College, Chester Town, Maryland. Taken from "Annals of the American Episcopal Pulpit by William B. Sprague, D.D." These Recollections were drawn from Bishop White's Memoirs of the Protestant Episcopal Church, The Calendar, and from a letter from Peregrine Wroth, M. D. to Dr. Sprague.

"COLIN FERGUSON was born in Kent County, Maryland, on the 8th of December 1751. His father, Colin Ferguson, was an emigrant from Scotland, of respectable character, but in moderate worldly circumstances. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Walker, was a native of the county in which he himself was born.

"In his early youth, he was sent to a country school under the care of a native of Scotland. After some years, the school-master being about to return to Scotland, proposed to take young Ferguson, whom he had found to possess remarkable talents, to Edinburgh and educate him without expense to his father. The old man accepted the offer and Colin rejoiced in the opportunity of thus securing the object on which his heart was more intently set than any other.

"After being for several years a student in the University of Edinburgh, he returned to this country a highly accomplished scholar.

"Whether at this time he had the ministry in view does not appear, but he was engaged so early as 1782 as an Instructor in Kent County School, a flourishing institution in Chester Town. When Washington College, the oldest college in Maryland, was organized in 1783, he was chosen Professor of Languages, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and he held this place until 1793, when he was appointed Principla of the College. In this latter position he continued until 1804 when, the College being deprived of its funds by the Legislature of Maryland, he tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by the Board of Trustees. (The Trustees, as the Bishop calls them, were legally named "The Visitors and Governors" P.W.). He then retired to his farm in the vicinity of George Town Cross Raods (I think this is the present Galena, B.B.F.) where he spent the remainder of his days.

He studied Theology under the direction of the Rev. William Smith, D.D., then rector of Chester Parish, and was admitted to Deacon's orders in Christ Church, Middletown, Conn., August 3d and to Priest's orders August 7, 1785 by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Seabury. On the day of his ordination to the Priesthood, he received a license from the Bishop "to perform the office of a Priest in the Church of Christ - particularly in St. Paul's Parish in Kent County, in the State of Maryland." In this, his only Parish, he officiated from his ordination till 1799, and probably a year or two longer. He is known to have preached occasionally as late as 1803.

"He was honored with the Degree of Master of Arts from Washington College in 1783 - the year of its organization - and with the Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Same institution in 1787. He was an active and influential member of the General Convention in 1789 - which framed the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country.

"Dr. Ferguson experienced a paralytic stroke several years before his death which materially affected his constitution, though it left him in full possession of most of his faculties. It was a renewed attack of this disease, while engaged in monring prayer, that terminated his life in twenty four hours.

"He died on the 10th of March 1805, in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

"In 1799 he was married to Rebecca, daughter of John Hyland of Chester Town, Maryland, by whom he had two daughters - the older of whom died at the age of fifteen; the younger, Mrs. Ann E. Taylor, still survives (1858)".

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The foregoing is copied from a Washington College Bulletin, the Historical Miscellany Number, dated January-February 1935. This number also contains a letter to the Rev. W. B. Sprague, D.D. from P. Wroth; he was a pupil of Dr. Ferguson's for seven years and this letter contains a description of his personal appearance and also of his characteristics.

Washington College has a contemporary silhouette, still in its original frame, of Dr. Ferguson; it hangs in the office of the President of the College. It also has the original manuscript sketch of his life and character by Dr. Wroth, mentioned in the paragraph above.

The Mrs. Colin F. Stam is, I believe, the wife or widow of a descendant of Dr. Ferguson; I understand her husband was the grandson of the Mrs. Ann E. Taylor, mentioned above. Her son, Colin F. Stam, is one the Congressional tax experts.

Auntie Temp told us that when Ann Bassett Ferguson was left a widow with several small children, this Dr. Colin Ferguson wanted and offered to take her son Bassett, our grandfather, to raise and educate; but as he was her only son, Ann Bassett Ferguson did not accept his offer. Dr. Colin Ferguson was an uncle of Richard Ferguson, father of Grandfather Bassett Ferguson, as Colin and Daniel were sons of Colin and Mary Walker Ferguson.

In a letter dated May 12 1942, Cousin John Moore enclosed a copy of a letter which he had written to the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, June 22, 1936, and in it he says "shortly after the birth of her son, Bassett Ferguson, she (Ann Bassett Ferguson) was left a widow; that the Rev. Colin Ferguson, who had two daughters and no son, wanted to adopt him, but that she refused to give him up." This was told to Cousin John by his mother, Martha Ann Ferguson Moore.

From "History of Cecil County, Maryland" by George Johnston,p.445: "---the next year they (the vestry) employed one Collin Furguson as a lay reader in the parish, every Sunday, and agreed to pay him 120 specie per annum during the time he acted as such, Mr. Thompson agreeing to officiate once a quarter during said time. It is worthy of remark that twelve years afterwards Collin Furguson claimed that 40 of his salary as lay reader for the years 1780-81, was in arrears, and placed his claim in the hands of William Barroll, an attorney, for collection; and that an order was given on Mrs. Condon, the widow of the Rev. Joseph Condon, for that amount."

RICHARD FERGUSON (FATHER OF BASSETT FERGUSON)

RICHARD FERGUSON, the son of Daniel and Ruth(Riley) Ferguson, was a resident of Kent Co., Maryland. According to a letter from Mrs. Colin Ferguson Stam, of Washington, D.C., this Ruth Riley was a distant cousin of Mary Riley, the second wife of Daniel Ferguson. This letter was attached to the D.A.R. Application Papers of Bessie B. Ferguson. Mrs. Stam's husband was a descendant of the Washington College President, Colin Ferguson, who was a brother of Daniel Ferguson, our Revolutionary ancestor.

This Richard Ferguson married Ann Burch, widow of George Burch, of Duck Creek Hd., Delaware. He and his children, Elizabeth, Tempy, Mary and Bassett are identified in the will of Daniel Ferguson, as "Elizabeth Ferguson, Tempy Ferguson, Mary Ferguson & Bassett Ferguson my grand Children and heirs of Richard Ferguson, my son." This will was signed May 26, 1811 and Probated June 19, 1811. (Reference: Wills No. 9.121. Kent Co. Maryland. From these dates it is evident that this Richard Ferguson died before May 26, 1811.

In a letter written by Bassett Ferguson of Ridley Park, Penna. (a great-grandson of this Richard Ferguson) he says: "I remember as a small boy hearing my father (Colen Ferguson) tell about his grandfather (Richard Ferguson) leaving his home in Kent County, Maryland, and starting for the far west (Ohio) in a covered wagon. The first day he went as far as Duck Creek and stopped there for the night. During the night he became ill and was ill for a considerable period. By the time he was able to resume his journey it was late in the fall and winter was near, and as he did not want to cross the mountains in winter he decided to spend the winter at Duck Creek and resume his journey in the spring. I do not know whether he never fully recovered

from his illness, or became ill again the following spring. However, he died at Duck Creek the following spring, and as he had sold out everything at his former home (Kent Co., Md., probably New Market, now Chesterville) the family remained at Duck Creek, where our grandfather grew up. --- Theodore (Bassett's brother) also recalled father telling about his grandfather starting for Ohio, etc., and Theodore's recollection of the circumstances was identical with what I have stated."

Auntie Temp Brockson often told us the same story.

ANN BASSETT (LATER BURCH, FERGUSON, JOYCE) WIFE OF RICHARD FERGUSON

The will of Benjamin Bassett of Old Duck Creek, Delaware, mentions among his heirs a daughter, Ann Burch; the will was made April 21, 1799 and probated June 22, 1799. This will gives the name of his wife as Sarah, and his daughters as Temperance, Ann Burch, and Elizabeth West. The will is filed in the Hall of Records, Dover, Del., Vol. A3, pp 49 and 50.

Benj. Bassett's name appears on the Assessor's List of Duck Creek Hd. for the year 1785. Scharf's p. 1095. On p. 1102 of the same book there is an account of a meeting to be held March 4th 1799, notice of which was sent out February 22, 1799, to the members of the Methodist Church at Smyrna, then known as"Duck Creek Cross Roads". This meeting was for the purpose of electing seven trustees, and Benjamin Bassett was one of the candidates but he was not elected.

After Richard Ferguson's death, his wife, Ann, married Thomas Joyce. In Vol. A6, p. 191 in the Hall of Records at Dover, Del., it is shown that on Aug. 29, 1797 Ann Burch, the administratrix of George Burch, deceased, passed an account of his estate. Letters of administration had been granted to her for this estate under date of August 23, 1796.

Page 190 of the same volume shows that on December 8, 1825 "Bassett Ferguson administrator of Ann Joyce deceased who was administratrix of George Burch" passed an account to settle the estate of George Burch. Under this account the estate of "Ann Joyce late Ferguson formerly Burch, was credited with $504.15. This shows that Ann died before December 2, 1824 according to the following paragraph:

The Administration Account, Kent Co. Del. Dec. 2, 1824 (A28 pp 56-60 shows the heirs of Ann Joyce to be: Ann Joyce, Bassett Ferguson, Sarah Mitchell wife of John Mitchell; Elizabeth Legg wife of James Legg; Mary Curry wife of Moleston Curry; and Temperance Sharp wife of William Sharp.

Ann Joyce (Dau. of Ann Joyce late Ferguson formerly Burch) was married April 9, 1834 to William Patton Smithers. Sarah was probably named for her grandmother Sarah Bassett; Elizabeth and Temperance for their mother's sisters.

Elizabeth and James Legg are buried in St. Peters Cemetery, Smyrna, Del. The lettering on their stones is rather indistinct but it appears to be: Elizabeth Legg, Died Jan. 4, 1871. James Legg, Feb. 23, 1852, aged 56 years. There are also stones for Wm. P. Legg (their son?) Dec. 25, 1832 - Mar. 20, 1907; Rebecca (his wife?) Oct. 6, 1838 - Mar. 25, 1936; Wm. P. Legg (their grandson?) Feb. 8, 1868 - Aug. 6, 1891.

The Mrs. Amanda Spruance and her sister Miss Kate Sharp who lived in Smyrna in 1894 (See Smyrna Times of Nov. 23, 1944) may have been the daughters or grand-daughters of Temperance and William Sharp.

On Sept. 20, 1820 a Miss Sallie Bassett of Smyrna, helped to start the first Sunday School there; it was opened in Mechanics Academy. (See Smyrna Times, Mar. 6, 1947, also histories of Smyrna in various histories of Delaware.

RICHARD FERGUSON AND ANN BASSETT (LATER BURCH, FERGUSON, JOYCE)

As only Elizabeth, Tempy, Mary and Bassett Ferguson are mentioned in the will of Daniel Ferguson, it is probably that Sarah, who is identified as the wife of John Mitchell in the Administration of Ann Joyce's estate, amy have been a daughter either by her first husband, George Burch, or by her third husband, Thomas Joyce.

Descendants of Ann Joyce, who married Wm. P. Smithers, are now living in Kenton, Del. One is a Mrs. S. G. Walker; in a letter to me in 1938 she said her mother was the daughter of this Ann Joyce Smithers and William Patton Smithers. In the "50 Years Ago" column of the Smyrna Times dated January 16, 1941 (January 14, 1891) there is an account of the death of this Wm. P. Smithers. The article says he was 81 years and 9 mos. and that he was buried in Glenwood Cemetery. The article also states that in "1834 he married Miss Ann Joyce, a half-sister of Bassett Ferguson of Black Bird and Mrs. William Sharp of Smyrna" and that his wife died in 1854". No mention is made of any children, although I understood from Mrs. Walker that she had established her relationship. Mrs. Walker also said a sister or half-sister of Ann Joyce married "Billy" Legg of Smyrna but Administration Account gives name as James Legg. Aunt Temp, too, often spoke of an "Uncle" or "Cousin" Billy Legg (but I cannot remember which term she used). He was a harness maker in Smyrna. The issue of January 14, 1891 (copied January 16,1941) speaks of W.P.Legg as Assessor for Duck Creek Hd. In the "50 Years Ago" column of August 22, 1940 there is the following: "William P. Legg, Jr., and wife of Baltimore and Mrs. Creely and child of Camden, N.J. are guests of W.P. Legg." Mother said she thought these were the Warren Creelys (or Creely) of Camden. If the Administration Account is correct

in the use of "James" then William P. Legg may have been the son of "James". Ella Ferguson Roosevelt says she remembers a "Cousin Hattie (or Hettie) and a Cousin Annie Smithers" coming up to Black Bird; they probably were descendants of this same Ann and Wm. P. Smithers.

Auntie Temp said there was a family connection between Benjamin Bassett, father of Ann Bassett Ferguson, and the Richard Bassett who signed the Constitution as a Delegate from Delaware, but to date(1941) I have been unable to find it. There is a possibility that Benjamin Bassett and Michael Bassett (Richard's father) either were brothers or that their fathers were brothers, as Auntie said Ann Bassett Ferguson's people came from around Chesapeake City, Md. Michael Bassett lived at Bohemia Ferry, Cecil Co., Md.; he deserted his family and Richard was adopted and lived in Maryland and Delaware. See Delaware histories for an account of his life. In the Wilson Library at Odessa, Del. is a book about Cecil County, Md. and in it is a suggestion that Richard may have had a brother Michael. This is definitely stated on p. 177 of "History of Cecil County" (Maryland) by George Johnston pub. in 1881. It says "Mary Lawson leased her shre of the Manor to the aforesaid Peter Lawson for 21 years, or during the lives of Judith Bassett and Michael and Richard Bassett her sons". Peter Lawson lived with the Bassetts who were his relatives.

The Delaware Historical Society has a pamphlet entitled "The Life and Character of Richard Bassett". The Dictionary of American Biography (New York, C. Scribner's Sons, 1929, v.2 pp39-40) gives a biography of Richard Bassett. This says he was born Apr. 2, 1745 and died Sept. 15, 1815; he was buried in the family vault at Bohemia Manor, Cecel Co. Md., bur later reinterred in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery,

Wilmington, Del. It says he was the son of Michael and Judith Bassett; that his father was a tavern-keeper at Bohemia Ferry, Md.----that his wives were Ann Ennals of Dorchester Co., Md., and a Miss Bruff of Talbot Co. His daughter Ann Married James A. Bayard and his adopted daughter Rachel married Joshua Clayton. Shharf's p. 479 gives her name as Mrs. McCleary.

Richard Bassett died in 1815 and Benjamin Bassett in 1799; from these dates they may have been either uncle and nephew or cousins, if there was a relationship. "The Rise of Methodism in America" by Rev. John Lednum contains a biography of Richard Bassett.

From Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, beginning page 328.

BASSETT FERGUSON was born in New market (now Chesterville) Kent Co., Md. in January 1802 (N.B. According to tombstone this date should be Jan. 14, 1803.) When but a youth he came to Delaware and made this state his home for the remainder of his life. He was educated in the common schools of Kent County, Del. and made the best possible use of the few educational advantages afforded by the schools of that time. His school days over he learned milling with Richard Holding of Duck Creek Hd. After the usual period spent in acquiring his trade, he engaged in milling on his own account but abandoned this after a time for mercantile business in Kent Co. About 1832 he removed to New Caslte County and settled in the village of Black Bird, continuing mercantile pursuits there. Subsequently he conducted a hotel, but in 1845 purchased a farm in Appo. Hd., New Castle Co., on which he lived until his death. He was an active and influential worker in local politics as a Democrat; and his efforts for party success and his ability were rewarded by frequent election to public offices. He filled several

elective positions in the hundred and in the Fall of 1850 was chosen State Senator on the Democratic ticket. His name is an honored one in Delaware. His integrity and his high character in all his relations with his fellowmen won for him general esteem, and his consistent and practical promotion of all enterprises tending to advance the welfare of his county and state placed him among the most conspicuous of the industrial and philanthropic benefactors of the commonwealth.

BASSETT FERGUSON was married in Duck Creek Hd., Kent County in May 1831 to Susan T. Weldon who was born in Appo. Hd. Sept. 16, 1813. She was the daughter of William (N.B. This is incorrect - it was John) and Martha Weldon, early settlers of New Castle County. Bassett and Susan T. (Taylor) Ferguson had twelve children, five of whom died in infancy. Martha A. (Ann), who married Dr. John A. Moore of Fulton (Felton) Kent County died in August 1890, having had three children: 1, Lily (Mrs.T.C. Roe of Kent County); 11, John Bassett, now Assistant Secretary of State; 111, Jefferson, deceased. The surviving members of the family are: 1, Richard, born May 11, 1832, a Justice of the Peace in Middletown, St. George's Hd., New Castle County, Del.; 11, Colen, bron Oct. 25, 1835; 111, Susan M. (Margaret) Mrs. Chas. B. Satterfield, born Sept. 17, 1838; of Middletown, New Castle County, 1V, Mary E. (Ella or Ellen), Mrs. Mortimer Records, born May 13, 1843 of Black Bird Hundred; V, Temperance B. (Bessie) wife of Richard C. Brockson, a prominent merchant of Black Bird village, born Oct. 15, 1845; V1, Dr. Benj. B. (Bassett) born Aug. 23, 1853, of the vicinity of Black Bird.

From Conrad's History of Delaware, p. 574.

Black Bird's earliest business mand and its first postmaster in 1838 was BASSETT FERGUSON, who died there in 1853. In 1849 he was elected

State Senator and rendered valuable service to his county and state by his close and conscientious attention to the duties of that office. Mr. Ferguson was a modest, honorable citizen, highly respected, and gifted with great material intelligence and judgment. A recent writer (Sept. 1906) says of him that "he was at one time a masterly and controlling mind in Appoquinimink Hundred." He married Miss Susan T. Weldon and twelve children were born to them. Two of their sons, Richard and Colen were members of the General Assembly, and the last named also Clerk of the Orphans Court of New Castle County for ten years. A grandson, of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, Professor John Bassett Moore of Columbia College, New York City, is a distinguished author and authority on international law.

Scharf's History of Delaware, page 1027 has a somewhat similar biography.

From Scharf's History of Delaware, P. 1028:

HOTELS - The hotel at Blackbird was erected by Benjamin Donoho at an early date. After his decease it descended to his son William, who was proprietor until his death, which occurred in 1836. In 1838 Bassett Ferguson purchased the property and while in his possession it was managed by Israel Townsend, James Fountain, Stephen Townsend, William M. Johnson, and John Silcox. In 1841 the old hotel*, which is now used as a residence by Benjamin Lockerman, was abandoned and the present hotel opened. In 1866 it came into the possession of V.O. Hill, who rented it for several years to Leonard Crouse and William E. Price. In 1869 Hill took charge of the house and has since been the proprietor.

*(This was known as "The Old Tavern"; it was razed many years ago.)

POST-OFFICE - The post-office at Blackbird was established in 1838 with BASSETT FERGUSON as its first postmaster. He was succeeded about

1847 by Jacob Naudain. Richard Ferguson followed Naudain and was succeeded by V. O. Hill and Robert A. Davis. C.B. Satterfield (N.B. husband of Susan M. (Ferguson) Satterfield), the present incumbent took charge of the office in May 1885. (N.B. Later Richard C. Brockson was postmaster for many years.)

BASSETT FERGUSON (Notes by B.B.F.)

BASSETT FERGUSON was born January 14, 1803 at New Market (now Chesterville), Kent County, Md. (Runk's History of Del. p. 328) He was the son of Richard and Ann (Burch, nee Bassett, later Joyce) Ferguson.

According to Aunt Temp, the family lived in the old building in the village of Duck Creek, which from time to time was a store. It is on the right side as one goes towards Smyrna and is below the road going off to the right. While living in Duck Creek Bassett Ferguson learned the trade of miller, but at the time of his marriage it is believed he had a store in this building in Duck Cree, but his wife, Susan Taylor Weldon Ferguson, about 18 years of age, became homesick, and Bassett Ferguson and his young wife moved to Black Bird where all of the children were born and where Bassett and Susan Ferguson lived until their deaths. Their first home was a house made of logs on the site of the house next to Scott M.E. Church. This original house was where the "sitting-room" and the "office" are. Richard Ferguson added the room towards the village and the room at the back, tearing down the old house. "the "sitting-room" and the "office" were added when Father (Dr. B. B. Ferguson) lived there from 1899 to 1902.

Bassett and Susan Ferguson also lived in the brick house on the farm, across the road from the present residence of Theodore Ferguson; it was razed in 1932 to make way for the dual highway. The house was constructed

in 1810, from bricks made on the property. Grandfather Ferguson owned the "Old Hotel" in Black Bird, but I do not believe the family lived in this building. Next to the "Old Hotel" was the "Old Tavern". According to family tradition Caesar Rodney, on his historic journey to Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence, stopped at this "Old Tavern". On pages 36-37 of "The Romance of Old Philadelphia" by John T. Faris it tells of the journey of an immigrant from Cape Henlopen to Philadelphia: "On New Year's Day, Dover, Delaware, was reached after many trials. In one of the twenty homes of the settlement the night was spent and strength was secured for the next day's struggle - nineteen miles through heavy drifts". (19 miles above Dover would probably be Black Bird and he may have stayed at the Inn there.)

Bassett Ferguson married Susan Taylor Weldon May 26th 1831. (See biographies from Runk's p.328; Scharf's p. 1027; and Conrad's p. 574; Histories of Delaware. Bassett Ferguson died Nov. 20th 1853 and is buried in Old Union Churchyard, above Black Bird. After his death his widow, Susan Ferguson, married Vincent Offley Hill; this was August 18, 1869, by Rev. Thomas Murphy, Presbyterian Minister in Frankford, Philadelphia. They lived in the "Old Hotel" in Black Bird. Susan Ferguson Hill, died Oct. 2, 1899 and is buried in the Hill lot in St. Peter's Cemetery, Smyrna, Delaware.

Bassett and Susan Ferguson had twelve children. For biographies of these twelve children see separate pages. The following birth-dates have been copied from the Family Bible. See next page.

i - Richard, born May 11, 1832, married Bathsheba H. Deakyne. (Richard was the name of Bassett Ferguson's father)

ii - Martha Ann, born Dec. 23, 1833, married Dr. John A. Moore. (Martha was the name of Susan Ferguson's mother and Ann the name of Bassett Ferguson's mother.)

iii - Colen, born Oct. 25, 1835, married Cordelia Lord (Altho' he spelled his name Colen he was named for ColinFerguson, one-time President of Washington College, Chestertown, Md. See biographies of Daniel and Colin Ferguson on preceding pages.)

iv - Susan Margaret, born Sept. 17, 1838, married Charles B. Satterfield (Susan was the name of her mother; named Margaret for ?)

v - John C., born Dec. 21, 1840, died July 10, 1842, buried at Old Union) He was named for John Calhoun, the U. S. Statesman.

vi - Mary Ellen (or Ella), born May 13, 1843, married Mortimer Records. (May have been named for her father's sister Mary)

vii - Temperance Bessie, born Oct. 15, 1845, married Richard C. Brockson. (Named Temperance for one of Grandfather Ferguson's sisters; she added the Bessie when she went to Millersville Normal School.)

viii & ix - John and William, twin sons, born July 12, 1848; John died July 22nd and William July 23rd 1848. Buried at Old Union. (John and William are Weldon family names.)

x - Elizabeth W., born Oct. 4, 1849, died June 19, 1850, buried at Old Union. (Probably named for her father's sister Elizabeth.)

xi - Catherine, born Mar. 27, 1851, died June 23, 1851, buried at Old Union. (Named for ?)

xii - Benjamin Bassett, born Aug. 23, 1853, married Alice Eleanor Perkins. (Named for his great-grandfather, Benjamin Bassett of Old Duck Creek.)

RICHARD FERGUSON, SON OF BASSETT FERGUSON

From Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, page 366.

HON. RICHARD FERGUSON, deceased, of Blackbird, New Castle County, Del., son of Bassett and Susan T. (Weldon) Ferguson, was born in the old Ferguson homestead near Blackbird, New Castle County, Del., May 11, 1832. Bassett Ferguson, farmer and merchant, was of Scotch descent.--------

Richard Ferguson attended the public schools of the district but his opportunities were so limited that he might be called self-educated. He was a thoughtful reader and a diligent student, not only of history, but of current events, and intelligent and instructive in conversation. Mr. Ferguson remained at home, working with his father on the farm and for years devoted his whole life to husbandry. In 1852, when only twenty years of age, he was appointed post-master of Blackbird, being the houngest post-master in the United States. Mr. Ferguson received from Governor Burton the appointment of justice of the peace in Blackbird, and for seven years discharged the duties of his office promptly and efficiently. Mr. Ferguson was a Democrat, an active worker, interested in all that concerns the welfare of the state. In 1857 he was elected to the State Legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Bayman Deakyne. Possessing marked ability and judgment and being an eloquent speaker and debater, Mr. Ferguson also brought to his public duties the patient and conscientious attention which had made him successful in private life. He was a member of several important committees and his course was so satisfactory both to his constituency and to the public that he was reelected in 1888. During this term Mr. Ferguson was chairman of the committees on Crime and Punishments, Printing and the Enrolling Bill. In 1890 Mr. Ferguson removed to Middletown, New Castle County where he

opened a flour and feed store. In 1891 (Smyrna Times column "50 Years Ago" says this was in 1890 - from issue of Oct. 8, 1890), he received from Governor Biggs the appointment of justice of the peace of St. George's hundred, New Castle County. He filled this office for seven years. His knowledge of law and equity proved invaluable and his judgments were almost invariably sustained by the higher courts. Mr. Ferguson's kindness and sympathy won for him many friends, who relied upon him as their trusted adviser and helper. For seven years he was trustee and for two years treasurer of the poor, receiving both appointments from the Levy Court.

Hon. Richard Ferguson was married at Blackbird, Del., in 1864 to Bathsheba H., daughter of Thomas Deakyne and Ann (Barlow) Deakyne, and sister of Thomas Deakyne of Blackbird hundred. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Blackbird hundred. Their only child died in infancy. Mr. Ferguson and his wife are members of the M.E. Church. She was a benevolent Christian woman and a devout wife, she died in 1892 at Middletown, Del., and is buried in the cemetery of the M.E. Church. Hon. Richard Ferguson died in 1898. (He is buried in the same Cemetery).
McCarter and Jackson Biographical History of Delaware, p. 358 (1882) has a somewhat similar biography.

The biography of Thomas Deakyne (Runk's p. 348) names his seventh child as Bathsheba (Mrs. Richard Ferguson) deceased. This Thomas Deakune's wife was Ann Barlow, and he was the grandfather of Aunt Temp's friend Kate Deakyne (Mrs. Elmer Catts). His son, Thomas Deakyne - Kate Deakyne's father - lived in Black Bird for many years in the house next to Mr. Will Fortner's. He was a justice of the Peace there and was generally known as "Old Man Tommy Deakyne". A grand-daughter,

Bertha Hayden, lived with them and she is one of my earliest acquaintances and recollections of Black Bird. The Thomas Deakyne who was the father of Kate Deakyne was a brother of Richard Ferguson's wife, Bathsheba; his wife was Lydia Hartup.

NOTES BY B.B.F.

Richard was the name of Bassett Ferguson's father. Aunt Temp always spoke of him as "Brother Richard". Richard Ferguson married Bathsheba Deakyne. At one time she owned considerabel property around Black Bird, including the land on which Aunt Temp and Uncle Dick Brockson later built their home. She also owned the property "up the lane" from Black Bird; they built the house there and it was their home. We lived in this house from 1892 to 1899. It was in the attic of this house that Mother found the old glass lamp. Aunt Temp said she remembered it and that they used to use whale oil in it for fuel.

Uncle Richard was of a very gentle disposition and very soft spoken; he had beautiful white hair; he was badly crippled in his hands and feet by rheumatism and suffered greatly from it. Aunt Bashie, his wife, was born Feb. 4, 1839 and died June 23, 1892 (aged Fifty-three years, Four months, and Nineteen days). Uncle Richard died February 8, 1898; for several years before his death he lived with Aunt Temp. Both Aunt Bashie and Uncle Richard are buried in the Methodist Churchyard, Middletown, Del. On the tombstone Aunt Bashie's name is mis-spelled Basheba; for som reason Aunt Temp, who ordered the stone, believed this to be the correct spelling, but the biography of her father, the Family Bible, and Uncle Richard's own writing in my Birthday Book give it as Bathsheba.

MARTHA ANN, second child and eldest daughter of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, was born Dec. 23rd 1833 at Black Bird, Appo. Hd., Del. Martha was the name of Susan Ferguson's mother and Ann, of Bassett Ferguson's mother. Martha Ann Ferguson was married to Dr. John A. Moore, then of Smyrna, Del., on Thursday, April 30, 1856. Three children were born to them: i, Lily, born Feb. 10, 1857; married Thomas Coombe Roe; she died in 1917. Thomas C. Roe was born Aug. 22, 1855(?) and died Aug.14, 1939. Both are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Dover, Del. They had four children: i, Margaret M., born Sept. 6, 1878(?); died, date not known to me; ii, Martha, who died when only one year old and 15 days old. iii&iv, Elizabeth Coombe Roe and John M. (Moore?), twins, born Aug. 22, 1883. Elizabeth married Hammon E. Coverdale Nov. 9, 1940 at Smyrna, Del., she died Jan. 7, 1942. John married Elizabeth Cooper(it is believed her maiden name was Cooper as her mother, Mrs. Cooper, died Feb. 12, 1936. John's son Thomas Roe, 2nd, married a Miss Scotten Oct. 16, 1937; his daughter Elizabeth married Clement Noble Aug. 24, 1935 at Dover, Del. All of the children of Thomas and Lily Roe are buried at Lakeside Cemetery, Dover, Del.

Margaret, Elizabeth and John Roe were graduates of what was then called "Conferencd Academy" at Dover. Elizabeth was also a graduate of the Pennsylvania Hospital Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia.

This biography of Martha Ann Ferguson, wife of Dr. John A. Moore, and of her descendants is rather incomplete but as of 1941 it was all the information I had been able to obtain. Several letters were written to Elizabeth Roe (later Coverdale) asking for her assistance in completing the data but she neglected to send any information.

See biography of Dr. John A. Moore on next page.

From MacCarters and Jackson's Biographical History of Delaware, p. 346. (Condensed)

MOORE, JOHN ADAMS, Retired physician of Felton, was born in Frederica, Kent County, Nov. 6, 1823. His father, Thomas Jefferson Moore, was a merchant and farmer, and filled positions of public trust and honor in his state, and was at the time of his death in 1859, a member of the State Senate. His mother's maiden name was Johnson. Her father was John Johnson, a man universally esteemed for his benevelent and Christian character. The father of Thomas Jefferson Moore was Vincent Moore, also a farmer and merchant, and a man of remarkable business enterprise and sagacity, who died in 1828, leaving a large landed estate. -----
In 1856 he (Dr. John A. Moore) married Martha A., daughter of Bassett Ferguson of New Castle County. Of this marraige there were three children, of whom Jefferson, the youngest, a youth of remakrable promise, died in 1879, in the sixteenthe year of his age. - - - - - --

A similar biography appears in Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, p. 1338.

The three children of Dr. John A. and Martha Ann (Ferguson) Moore were: Lily, born Feb. 10, 1857)see page 29); John Bassett, born Dec. 3, 1860. Died Nov. 12, 1947 (See next pages for biography); and Jefferson, died in 1879 in the 16th year of his age.

Martha Ann Ferguson Moore, Dr. John Adams Moore, and Jefferson Moore are buried at Barrett's Chapel Cemetery below Dover.

From "Who's Who in America" Vol. 16, 1930-31 edition (Condensed)

MOORE, John Bassett, lawyer; born Smyrna, Del. Dec. 3, 1860; son of Dr. John A. and Martha A. (Ferguson) Moore; graduated University of Virginia, 1880; LL.D. Columbia, 1899, Delaware College, 1900, Yale, 1901, University of Chile, 1910, Brown University, 1914, McGill Univ., 1921, Unive. of State of N.Y. 1923, Unive. of Penna., 1924, Columbia, 1927; (Alsoreceived LL.D. from Washington College, Chestertown, Md. 1932). Married Helen Frances Toland, of Philadelphia, Apr. 9, 1890. Law Clerk Dep.t of State, 1885-86; 3d asst. sec of state 1886-91; prof. international law and diplomacy, Columbia, 1891-24, also chairman administrative bd. Legislative Drafting Fd. 1911---. Asst. Sec. of State, Aprr-Sept. 1898; secretary and counsel Spanish-American Peace Commission, Paris, 1898;---Member International Comm. of Jurists, 1912-22; counselor, Dept. of State, with power to sign an secretary of state 1913-14. Member of Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, 1913---; judge permanent Court of International Justice 1921-28(resigned) ----Director and mem. exec. com., Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York ----- Then follows his memberships in many foreign and domestic societies; the Clubs of which he was a member; and the many books and papers of which he was the author. (Also see previous and later editions of "Who's Who").

In the Biographical Section of Webster's International Dictionary (1929 edition) is the following:

Moore, John Bassett, American Publicist, International Law, 1860---

NOTES BY B.B.F.

There are many newspaper references to John Bassett Moore, "Cousin John" as we knew him; especially of his work at the Hague and while he was Counselor in the State Dept. under Wm. Jennings Bryan in Wilson's

administration. See Public Ledger, March 5, 1914 and Feb. 23, 1924. This latter is an account of the bestowal of the Degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Penna., when he was a Judge of the Permanent Court of Internation Justice.

In June 1936 the Smyrna High School was re-dedicated as the John Bassett Moore High School of Smyrna. His portrait was given to the school in February 1940. Another portrait was presented to the Buenos Aires school (see Smyrna Times, issue dated Dec. 22, 1938). I believe there is a portrait of him in the University of Delaware.

There was a very marked resemblance in appearance between Father and Cousin John, and they could have passed as brothers. Although they were uncle and nephew they were near of an age, Father being born in 1853 and Cousin John in 1860.

John Bassett Moore was elected an honorary member of the Delaware State Society of the Cincinnati in February 1942, and many complimentary articles were written about him.

In the Wilmington Journal-Every Evening issue of Dec. 3, 1941 is an article telling of the celebration of his 81st birthday with members of his family at his home, 960 Park Avenue, New York City. One of the outstanding events of the day was to be the debut of his granddaughter, Miss Angela Tolland Place, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Hermann G. Plce of New York.

In the obituary notices of his death Nov. 12, 1947, the survivors are given as his widow and three daughters, Mrs. John deR. Storey, of Mamaroneck, N.Y.; Mrs. Karl T. Frederick of Rye, N.Y.; and Mrs. Herman G. Place of New York City. I believe the first name of one of the daughters is Martha, Angela of another - do not know the name of the other, but it may be Priscilla or Phyllis.

From Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, beginning p. 328; also see p. 366 with biogrpphy of Richard Ferguson.

COLEN FERGUSON, register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans Court, New Castle County, Del., P.O. Wilmington, Del., son of Bassett and Susan T. (Weldon) Ferguson was born in Appo. Hd., New Castle County, Del. Oct. 25, 1835.

His paternal ancestors were Scotch, and were among the original settlers of Kent County, Maryland. Tradition has it that one member of the family (Colin by name) was one of the first ordained rectors of the Protestant Episcoapl Church in Maryland.* The record of the early history of the family has not been preserved, however, and little authentic information concerning the callings and the work of these Scotch immigrants and their immediate descendants is now to be obtained. *

(*Information concerning this Colin Ferguson and of the earlier ancestors has now been obtained by Bessie B. Ferguson. For accounts of these earlier Fergusons see under Richard and Daniel Ferguson (father and grandfather respectively of Bassett Ferguson, husband of Susan Taylor Weldon Ferguson.)

COLEN FERGUSON received his education in the district schools of New Castle County and at Pennington Seminary, Mercer Co., New Jersey. At the conclusion of his course at the latter institution he became a clerk in the store of Crouch and Davis at Odessa, St. George's Hd., New Castle County, and remained with the firm two years, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides; the superintendence of this farm has always been in his hands. Like his father he has always taken an active part in the Politics of his state, and has filled most creditably several offices in his hundred. In 1886 he was elected to the state senate and served

during the sessions of 1887 and 1889. On May 30, 1892 he was appointed register in Chancery and clerk of the Orphans Court of New Castle County for the term of five years, and May 30, 1897 was re-appointed for a like period. Mr. Ferguson has always been an ardent upholder of the principles of the Democratic Party and a leader in its councils in his county. As a citizen he has been helpful to his community, and as a public officer he has been most efficient.

COLEN FERGUSON was married at the residence of his wife's father, June 3, 1868, by the Rev. George A. Phoebus to Cordelia Lord, who was born in Odessa, Del. , Dec. 13, 1838 and was the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Ann E. (Derrickson) Lord. Of their six children two died in infancy. Those living are i, Ella; ii, Theodore, deputy clerk and register in Chancery; iii, Bassett, now in the First Delaware Regiment of Infantry; iiii, Martha C.; all reside at home. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Colen Ferguson is a trustee and stewart of the Union Methodist Episcoapl Church on the state road one mile north of Black Bird. The edifice in which the congregation worships was erected in 1847. Mrs. Susan T.(Weldon) Ferguson, mother of COLEN, is still living at the venerable age of 84 years.

Also see Scharf's History of Delaware, p. 1027 for another biographical sketch of COLEN FERGUSON. On p. 406 of this History there is a list of State Senators; included in the list if the name of Colen Ferguson, 1886.

COLEN FERGUSON (NOTES BY B.B.F.)

From the Jan. 15th 1890 issue of the Smyrna Times: Clayton Items: Ex-Senator Colen Ferguson of Blackbird, has rented the store-room now occupied by W.S. Reynolds. (He stayed only a short time in Clayton, probably about a year. While in Clayton, William and Amanda Weldon

(Margaret Weldon Pearce's parents) occupied the home farm. This home farm was the one Bassett Ferguson (father of Colen) purchased from John and Samuel Townsend in 1845. Some of Bassett Ferguson's younger children may have been born here but I believe most of the children were born in the log house in Black Bird. The farm house, constructed in 1810 from bricks made on the property was razed in 1932 to make rrom for the dual highway - the Dupont Highway.

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Colen Ferguson was elected Lieut-Governor of Delaware in 1912. He died Aug. 7, 1917; his wife, Cordelia, died March 13, 1918; both are buried at Old Drawyers, Odessa, Del.

All of the children of Colen and Cordelia Ferguson were born in the old homestead above Black Bird. They had six children, two of whom died in childhood. (The little girl's name was Effie.)

i - Ella, eldest surviving child, was born Oct. 10, 1873, married Warren Gamaliel Roosevelt, Nov. 13, 1919 at Smyrna, Del. Warren said he was a distant cousin of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and there was a striking resemblance between him and the President's son James. Ella and Warren lived at Black Bird Station during their entire married life. Warren died July 31, 1933 and is buried at Old Drawyers.

ii - Theodore, the next surviving child of Colen and Cordelia Ferguson, was born June 4, 1875; married Florence Belle Taylor Oct. 7, 1903 at Smyrna, Del. Florence is a niece of Dr. Wam. A. Davis of Camden, N.J., (father of Dr. Albert B. Davis) but he was a Smyrna Boy, Florence's mother being his sister. They lived in a house which they built opposite the old homestead. They had no children but adopted a dsughter, Ernestine, who is married to Edward Bratten; they have one child. Theodore was named for his mother's brother. He died Dec. 13, 1943. Buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Smyrna, Del.

iii - Bassett, third surviving child of Colen and Cordelia Ferguson was born Feb. 21, 1878; married Mary Shallcross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Shallcross June 6, 1906, at Middletown, Del. Bassett is a graduate of Delaware College; he served in the Spanish-American War. For the first few years of their married life they lived at Moore, later called Prospect Park, Penna., they then moved to Ridley Park, where they are now living at "Whitehall" 107 Swarthmore Avenue. They have two sons: i, Bassett, Jr., born June 12, 1911, and ii, Eugene, named for Mary's brother and a college chum of Bassett's, born Jan. 24, 1916. Bassett, Jr. married Elizabeth Webb Chaney, Aug. 22, 1936; their first child Ann, born Mar. 6, 1938; second, Linda, born Mar. 3, 1940; third, John Bassett, born Dec. 30, 1942; fourth, Ellen, born Mary 24, 1946. Eugene S. married Josephine Mobley of Kennett, Missouri, June 26, 1948. Thier first child Judith was born Sept. 15, 1950; the second Daniel Eric, Aug. 27, 1952. At this time (1955) Gene teaches Mechanical Engineering at the State College at Ames, Iowa.

lv - Martha Cordelia, fourth surviving child of Colen and Cordelia Ferguson, was born Feb. 14, 1883; married Vernon Lay Phillips of Smyrna on June 3, 1908, an anniversary of her mother's and father's wedding. She is a graduate of Wilmington Conference Adademy at Dover. She died Oct. 13, 1943, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Ferguson Phillips, born May 7, 1920. She is a graduate of the Penna. State College of Optometery in Phila. and is now (1955) practicing at Georgetown, Del. She is active in the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, serving on the National Legislative Comm. of the National Federation of BPW Clubs. In 1943 she was appointed as a member of the 3-member State Board of Optometry Examiners.

SUSAN MARGARET, fourth child of Bassett and Susan Ferguson was born at Black bird, Del., Sept. 17, 1838. Susan was the name of her mother; it is not known for whom the Margaret was given. She married Charles B. Satterfield Feb. 12, 1868; he was born Oct. 31, 1833. They had one child who died at birth. Their early married life was spent at Leipsic, Del.; later they lived at the "little brown house" below Black Bird (first farm on the left on the Black Bird Landing Road, just off the DuPont Highway). During our school days Mr. Harry Walker and his family lived there. At one time they kept a store at Black Bird (Scharf's p. 1027) and at the same time Charles Satterfield was postmaster(Scharf's p. 1028, taking charge in May 1885. After this they moved to Middletown, Delaware and had a general store there. When his health failed they moved back to Black bird to the house next to Scott M. E. Church, where he died Dec. 27, 1902. After his death his wife built the house at Black Bird Station where Ella Ferguson Roosevelt now lives (1955). Susan Satterfield died May 24, 1915. Both she and her husband are buried in Drawyer's Cemetery, Odessa, Del. Susan Satterfield's nickname was "Sudie" - Aunt Sudie to her nieces and nephews.

JOHN C. fifth child of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, was born Dec. 12, 1840. Aunt Temp said he was named for John Calhoun, U.S. Statesman, whom his father admired. He died July 10, 1842 and is buried in Old Union Cemetery, above Black Bird.

See page 25 for information in reference to John and William, twin sons; Elizabeth, and Catherine, children of Bassett and Susan T.W. Ferguson. All died in infancy and are buried at Old Union.

MARY ELLEN, generally called Ella, sixth child of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, was born at Black Bird, Del., May 13, 1843; she died Oct. 21, 1908. She and Mortimer Records were married Mary 20, 1877 by the Rev. James Carroll (from the Records Family Bible). Mortimer Records was born Sept. 4, 1839; he died Feb. 4, 1912. Both are buried at St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del. They lived their entire married life at the house near the mill - on the raod from Black Bird to the Station. I believe this was his home before he was married and it may have been his birthplace. The following from p. 1027 of Scharf's refers to this mill, later owned by Mortimer Records. "In 1780 Ira E. Lyons built a mill on Blackbird Creek, near the village of Blackbird. He retained possession of it for many years, and finally sold it to Auley Lore. It was subsequently owned by Jonathan Hand, William E. Evans, Jacob Richardson, and is now in possession of Samuel R. Warren (1888). The present grist mill is partially stone and partially frame, does both custom and merchant work, and has a capacity of twenty barrels a day. The saw mill in connection has a capacity of fifteen hundred feet a day. The mills are operated by steam and water power."

Ella and Temperance Ferguson had a store at 1414 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa., for a short time. This probably was prior to Dec. 17, 1872 when Temperance was married. Their business caard reads"E. Ferguson and Sister, Fashionable Dress-making, Trimmings and Notions, No. 1414 No. 10th Street, Philadelphia."

When the post-office was opened at Black Bird Station, Mortimer Records, being one of the largest shippers there, was given the privilege of naming it. He was a great admirer of Edwin Forrest, the actor, and sent in the name "FORREST", but the authorities at Washington sent

all the material marked "FOREST", and when complaint was made they said it would be too costly to change it. This error always made Mortimer Records very angry and he could give vent to his feelings in the true Southern fashion. He loved to argue, the subject matter was of little consequence, just so he could argue; one of his pet expressions was "Oh,tut,tut,tut,tut," the tuts following each other in quick succession.

Ella and Mortimer Records had four children:

i - Edward Mortimer, born Jan. 5, 1878. He married Virginia Creamer, born Oct. 18, 1878, at Wilmington, Del., by the Rev. Henry Dulany on July 18, 1901. Virginia, who had been a school teacher at Black Bird, is the daughter of Rev. Thomas Robinson (his mother's maiden name) Creamer and Sarah Virginia (Andrews) Creamer, who were married Dec. 3, 1874. The Rev. Mr. Robinson Creamer was a Methodist minister.

The children of Edward M. and Virginia C. Records are i - Edward Thomas, born Junel, 1902, named for his father and his maternal ~~grand-~~ grandfather; married Hazel Collin. At the time of her marriage her father was Mayor of Newark, Del. They have one son and live near Washinton, D.C.ii - Mary Virginia, born Jan. 3, 1904, named for her paternal grandmother and her mother. Married John L. Clough, they have one son, John, Jr, born Feb. 11, 1930. They live in Dover, Del. iii-Margie Elizabeth, born Dec. 6, 1905, named for Miss Margie Dilworth, one of the Black Bird school teachers, and her mother's sister, Elizabeth Creamer, later wife of Josiah Bacon, when widowed she married Wm. DuPont Stafford, Dec. 27, 1950. Margie married John R. Nicholson, Jr., June 6, 1925, and are living in Washington, D.C. iv - Helen Andrews, born Feb. 24, 1908, died June 12, 1914, buried in the Records lot at St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, but grave is not marked.

v - Richard Ferguson, born June 23, 1911. Altho' he has the name of his great-uncle and of his great-great-grandfather, it is a coincidence. His mother told me that after his arrival they could not decide upon a name, and the children and his Aunt Elizabeth started to call him "Dick"; he was called "Dick" for several years and Virginia wishing to give him his father's family name of Ferguson, resulted in the combination of Richard Fefguson. At this time (1955) Dick, who is unmarried, is at home with his parents at Cambridge, Md., where his father is in charge of one of the Phillips Soup factories. Dick is with one of the affiliated companies. vi - George Mortimer, born Feb. 4, 1913, named for his grandfather Records and his grandfather's brother George. George is a graduate of Delaware College, and has been Director of Physical Education at the John Bassett Moore High School, Smyrna; at Seaford; and at Dover. He married Marjorie Fell Eliason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fell Eliason, at Middletown, Del., Apr. 27, 1940. Nov (1955) living in Dover. vii - Sophia Fairchild, born Dec. 27, 1915; named for her grandfather Records' half-sister, Sophia Fairchild, who married Harvey Hannum. Sophia died in 1916 and is buried in the Records lot at St. Anne's, but the grave is not marked. viii - Lee Maloney, born Mar. 25, 1920, named for a friend of his father's - Levi Maloney of Townsend. Lee was married June 13, 1942 to Marguerite Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Curtis, of Washington, D.C. in St. Gabriel's Church, Washington, D.C. They are now living in Washington. There are children. ii - Ruby, second child of Mortimer and Ella Records, was born July 21, 1879, died May 4, 1894; buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown. Ruby was as much of a brunette as her sister Clara was a blonde. She was very fond of my mother, Alice Ferguson, and mother of her; one of Ruby's

greatest treats was to be allowed to spend the day, or even part of a day, with Mother. She had a lovable disposition. She had a series of tumors in her throat, which eventually caused her death.

iii - Rachel Clara, third child of Mortimer and Ella Records, called Clara or Ray as she disliked the name of Rachel. Born Feb. 9, 1882, died June 28, 1936 at Woodbury, N.J.; buried in the Hall lot at Harleigh Cemetery, Camden. Married Herbert Alexander Hall on Spet. 12, 1909 at St. John's P.E. Church, Camden, by the Rev. Gilbert R. Underhill. Herbert Hall's parents were Wm. Noble Hall, born in London, England, and Flora Margaret McAlister Hall, born Port au Spain, Trinidad. I believe the Halls and the McAlisters were in the English government service in Trinidad. Herbert and Clara Hall had three children: i - Colen Mortimer, born June 30, 1910 in the Anna May Hospital, Spring Lake, N.J., named for his mother's Uncle Colen and her father. Married Julia Elizabeth McGillivray, Dec. 15, 1945 in Chicago, where they are now (1955) living; she was born Mar. 30, 1921. They have two children Bonnie Rae, born Aug. 1, 1947, and James Edward, born July 21, 1954, both born in Chicago, Ill. ii - William Laurence , born Nov. 8, 1914, at home, Asbury Park, N.J. Married Elizabeth Margaret Field, born Nov. 1, 1916, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Osmund Field, Feb. 21, 1940, at Minneapolis, Minn. They have three children: Wm. Laurence Hall, Jr., born at Battle Creek, Mich., Apr. 16, 1941; Carolyn Rachel, born at Minneapolis, Apr. 9, 1944; and Deborah Field, born at Duluth, Minn., May 16, 1947. Both Laurence and his wife are graduates of the Univ. of Minn. Laurence served in World War II; he was promoted to Captain and served as Special Services and Orientation Officer of the Recount Reception Center, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. I believe they are now (1955) living in Minnesota.

iii - Doris, born Apr. 1, 1917 at 46 N. Paxon St., Phila., married Ross Howard Walker in the Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, N.J. Sept. 15, 1944. Ross was born May 29, 1913. They have two children: Christine, born in a Philadelphia Hospital, Dec. 31, 1947; she is a member of the John Cooper C.A.R. Society; and Frederick Herbert, boxrn Jan. 1, 1954. Another child, Elizabeth, born Sept. 14, 1951, died June 29, 1952. Doris Hall Walker is a member of the Ann Whitall Chapter, D.A.R. through her descent from Daniel Ferguson.

iv - George Harvey, fourth child of Mortimer and Ella Records, born Dec. 9, 1883, named for his father's brother george and his Aunt Sophie's husband, Harvey Hannum, of Baltimore, Md. Married Mary Davis Ellis, Apr. 10, 1912 in Phila. Pa., by the Rev. Mr. Tracy, a Reformed Episcopal minister. Mary, daughter of William and Carrie (Montgomery) Ellis, was born Aug. 22, 1889. Mr. Ellis was from Phila. and Mrs. Ellis' family from Ohio; for many years they lived on a farm west of Townsend, Del., at the time we were living in Black Bird. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were great friends of Father's and Mother's. Mrs. Ellis died at Harvey's and Mary's home (the homestead at the Mill) at Black Bird on Apr. 5, 1913; Mr. Ellis had died previously; both are buried in the Ellis lot at Central Laurel Hill, Phila. Harvey and Mary lived in the homestead at the mill for the first few years of their married life. Later they lived in Wilmington, and while living there were divorced. Harvey went out West, and so far as is known is living at Fort Morgan, near Denver, Colorado. Mary and the children lived in Wilmington and in Harrisburg, Pa. Harvey and Mary Records had three children: i - Jeanne Marie, born Sept. 7, 1913 in the Presbyterian Hospital, Phila. married Clark Schurfey Brown, Oct. 12, 1940 at Wilmington, Del.; they have one son, David, b. Aug. 14 '42.

ii and iii - twin sons, George Harvey, named for his father, and Jerome Ellis, named for Dr. Jerome Niles of Townsend and for his mother's maiden name, born Oct. 1, 1914 at the Mill homestead, at Black Bird, Del.

Edward M. and Virginia C. Records celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 22, 1951, at their son George's home in Dover, Del.

MORTIMER RECORDS' mother was Rachel Lore, she married a Mr. Records and had two sons, George and Mortimer. Her second husband was a Mr. Fairchild and by this marriage there were two children, Sophia and Charles.

Rachel Lore's sister Jane, by her first marriage to William Reynolds had four children: William, Mina, Sarah and Rachel. By a second marriage to Jacob Hill there were four children: Auley, Jacob, Avis, (Mrs. Winford of Smyrna) and Harvey. This makes these children first cousins to George and Mortimer Records and Sophie (Hannum) and Charles Fairchild, and half-sisters and half-brothers to the Reynolds children. (The foregoing information furnished by Mrs. Winford.)

I remember hearing of a Mrs. Garmon in connection with Mortimer Records's family, and she may have been a grandmother or step-grandmother of him, but am not sure.

Rachel C. (Clara?) Fairchild, wife of Charles H. Fairchild, was born Apr. 10, 1821, died April 2, 1881. Charles H. Fairchild, born March 1824, died Jan. 12, 1866, according to their tombstones at Old Union Cemetery, Appo. Hd. Clara Records Hall was named for her grandmother, so the middle name of Rachel C. Fairchild probably was Clara.

Auley Lore, who died Aug. 19, 1949, aged 57 years, 2 mos. 26 days, and Experience Lore, who died May 2, 1874, aged 80 years, 2 mos.18 days, probably were the parents of Rachel C. and Jane Lore, mentioned above, They, too, are buried at Old Union Cemetery, Appo. Hd., Del.

TEMPERANCE BESSIE, (Aunt Temp), seventh child of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, was born Oct. 15, 1845, probably in the Brick Farm House, Appoquinimink Hd., Del., as this property was purchased by her father in 1845, and I believe she has told me she was the first Ferguson child to be born there. Temperance was the name of one of her father's sisters, also of one of her father's mother's sisters (see Will of Benj. Bassett of Old Duck Creek, dated Apr. 21, 1799, Vol. A3, pp 49 and 50, Hall of Records, Dover Del., also Will of Daniel Ferguson, Wills Nox 9, 121, Kent Co., Md., in which he mentions Tempy Ferguson, as one of his grandchildren.) She took the name of Bessie when she went to the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa. Coming home she taught school at "Stony Brook" school house (just below Black Bird on the west side of the road,) until her marriage to Richard Cornelius Brockson, eldest son of James and Margaret Ann (Cornelius) Brockson, Dec. 17, 1872, in Philadelphia by the Rev. Geo. W. Lybrand; Howard Sickel and Mortimer Records were witnesses. At first they lived on a farm, later called the McCoy farm, on the road to Black Bird Landing, but shortly left the farm to go in business as a storekeeper in Black Bird. This was on the site of the Alfred Watson store (1940); this building was owned by Mr. Sam Warren and it burned down about 1882 or 1883. About 1880 Richard Brockson and his wife purchased ground from Richard and Bathsheba Ferguson and erected the store and dwelling where they resided until Richard Brockson's death. A great many years of my childhood were spent with them in this house and it always seemed like home to me. Later the property was sold to Royden Caulk. Aunt Temp lived in Black Bird and at the Station until she moved to live with us at 1527 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Del. When it was necessary for us to move back to Philadelphia on account of the hardship

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of commuting during World War I, she returned to Black Bird Station and liked there until she moved to Camden, N.J. in 1921 with her niece, Susan Rowand and her husband Thomas Rowand. She lived with them there and in Oaklyn until her death Dec. 28, 1934 in her 90th year. In Aug. 1932 her hipe broke while she was visiting in Black Bird. Susan Rowand and her son Garwood brought her home in their car and she recovered sufficiently to be able to walk around the house.

Temperance Brockson had a great gift of mimicry and of story-telling; she told many tales of various people in the Black Bird neighborhood, also tales of the revivals in Old Union and of the old camp-meeting days. Some of her friends were Miss Clara Ewell, her sister Mrs. Thomas Middleton (Mary), Maggie Bilderback, and a Coley(?) Beale, the Deakynes, especially Kate (later Mrs. Elmer Catts), Mrs. Avis Hill Winford of Smyrna, the Rothwells, the Staats, and Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Stevenson.

Scharf's History of Delaware has the following,p. 1027: "In 1882 R. C. Brockson erected a building at Blackbird village, and placed in it an evaporator. This is in operation six weeks per year, and during that time employment is given to thirty persons. Sixteen thousand pounds of fruit are prepared each season, and shipped principally to New York and Philadelphia." Mention is also made on this page of the "two stores, kept respectively by R. C. Brockson and C. B. Satterfield." Richard Brockson grew the most delicious strawberries, raspberries, and grapes. At one time he served as Representative from Black Bird, Hd., in the State Legislature. He was born May 1, 1847 and died Jan. 29, 1911; both he and his wife, Temperance Bessie Brockson are buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del.

See separate pages for biography of the Brockson Family pp104-111

BENJAMIN BASSETT, twelfth and least child of Bassett and Susan Ferguson, was born Aug. 23, 1953 in the Brick Farm House, near Black Bird, Appo. Hd., Del. He was named for his father's grandfather, Benjamin Bassett of Old Duck Creek Hd., father of Ann Bassett Ferguson. Aunt Temp always spoke of him as "Buddie Ben". He went to "Stony Brook" School below Black Bird, then to Felton Seminary, Felton, Del. He learned the pharmacy profession at J.Wesley Denney's in Smyrna. The wife of J. Wesley Denney was a sister of Richard Ferguson's wife, Bathsheba. Later, Benj. B. Ferguson was druggist at the Univ. of Penna., and the Polyclinic Hospital, then at 13th and Locust St.,Phila. In 1883 he opened a drug store in Clayton, Del; in 1886 he moved to 3rd and Washington Sts., Camden, N.J. and operated the drug store there. In 1888 he moved to St. 4th St., Camden(Mr. and Mrs. Irving Buckle were next-door neighbors) and in the same year to the drug store at 3rd and Beckett Sts., Camden. Newton B. T. Roney's parents lived in the house on Becket Street next to this store and dwelling. The next move was to the farm "up the lane" at Black Bird, Del. July 2, 1892. From the latter part of 1892 to his graduation from Jefferson Medical College in 1893 he roomed with a Mr. Roller, Shoemaker, 248 S. 10th St.Phila. (Mr. Roller sent a black cat "Pater" to the children). On March 25, 1899 the family moved to the village, then back to 3rd and Washington Sts., Camden,Mar. 16 or 17, 1902, where he operated the drug store and practised medicine. Benj. B. Ferguson died Feb. 12, 1906 and is buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del. At the time of his death he was a vestryman of St. John's P. E. Church, Broadway and Royden Street, Camden, N.J.

After graduating from Jefferson Medical College, Benj. B. Ferguson practised medicine around Black Bird, and from a medical point of view was highly successful with his cases. Two of his outstanding operations as a "Country Doctor" were first, a Ceasarian operation on a colored woman named Martha Washington, a dwarf, and the operation was successful. In after years she again became pregnant, and Dr. Ferguson having moved to Camden, she was taken to a hospital near Wilmington where a similar operation was performed and she died. Another successful operation was the amputation of Mr. James Buckson's arm, when it had been caught and shredded by a corn shredding mschine. A kitchen table was used as an operating table. In the days when he was practising in the country, the roads were not in the good condition they are today; they were particularly bad in the winter and in the spring and as his patients were miles apart, it took hours to complete the rounds with horse and buggy.

Some of Benj. B. Ferguson's close friends were Dr. Henry (Harry) Wharton, Dr. Wm. (Billie) Hughes, Dr. George deSchweinitz, celebrated eye specialist, all of Phila., Dr. Will Mitchell, originally from Smyrna; two of his sisters were Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Read of Smyrna, Mrs. Esther Lank may have been another sister. While Dr. Will Mitchell was in the Commission business and he was studying medicine, he lived on 4th St. in Camden. I believe his children were Elmer, Frank, Ada, Mabel, and Willie; he also lived in Phila. The two men graduated from Jefferson at the same time. Dr. Will Mitchell is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, Smyrna, Del. Another great friend was "Uncle Jake" Hill, brother of Auley Hill, they were nephews of V. O. Hill, Susan T. Ferguson's second husband. Jacob Hill's wife was Cora, and she was a sister of Ex-Mayor Ellis of Camden, or her sister was his wife.

Another special friend was George D. Armstrong, brother of Miss Ida and Miss Mary Armstrong of Taylor's Bridge, Del. I believe his wife's maiden name was Catherine Townsend of Camden, N.J. They were the parents of Sara Armstrong (later Hamilton), Richardson and Irving Armstrong. These are only a few of Dr. Ferguson's friends, as he was of a very friendly nature and kindly disposition; he was courteous and pleasant to all alike - rich and poor, high and low, white and black.

Benjamin Bassett Ferguson and Alice Eleanor Perkins were married at 314 S. 3rd St., Phila. Pa. , on Feb. 7, 1883 by the Rev. Mr. Hitchings, assistant minister at Old St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Sts., Phila. At the time Alice Perkins was boarding at this address. For a short time after their marriage they lived on Washington Square, Phila. From the description I believe it was the house in which my friend, Miss Mabel Zimmerling lived when she was on the Ladies' Home Journal Editorial Staff. Benjamin Bassett Ferguson was baptized in St. Barnabas' Chapel, Camden, N.J. Feb. 18, 1887 by the Rev. J. W. Williams.

From Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, p. 351 (Condensed)

BENJAMIN B. FERGUSON, M. D., Blackbird, New Castle Co., Del., son of Bassett and Susan T. (Weldon) Ferguson, was born in Blackbird Hundred (N.B.This should read Appo. Hd.) August 23rd 1853.

Benjamin B. Ferguson attended the public schools of Blackbird Hundred and studied for three terms at the Felton Academy, Felton, Del. At the age of 15 he became clerk in the drug store of J. W. Denney of Smyrna, Del., with whom he spent three years. At the expiration of this time, in 1874, Mr. Ferguson, although still in his teens, was placed in charge of the drug department of the University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., and proved so efficient that he retained the position for nine years.

leaving it to assume the duties of Superintendent of the drug department of the Polyclinic Hospital Dispensary, in the same city. Nine months later he opened a drug store in Camden, N.J. (typo error? store in Calyton, Del. was opened before the store in Camden) which he conducted for six years. Mr. Ferguson then began reading medicine, having as his preceptor Dr. Ashbridge of the U.S. Navy; in 1890 he matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in 1893. Dr. Ferguson settled soon after obtaining his diploma in Blackbird hundred, and here, in his native place and among the friends of his boyhood, he has secured general confidence and established an extensive practice. He is a member of the State Medical Society; has served the hundred as school commissioner, and is connected with the A.O.U.W., of Camden, N.J.

Dr. Benjamin B. Ferguson was married in Philadelphia, in 1883 to A,ice E. Perkins. Their children are i, Bessie b.; ii, Susan E.; iii, Alice V. (See separate biographies for children). Alice E. Perkins was born in London, England. Her grandfather, George Perkins, was an officer in the British Army, and fought in the Crimean War; he died in England. His son, George J. Perkins, Mrs. Ferguson's father, was an employe of the great Eastern Car Manafacturing Company, of London, England, in which his whole like was passed. The Perkins family enjoyed a position of honor and respect for many generations. George J. Perkins married Eleanor Wesley, who was of the same family with the distinguished preacher, John Wesley, and was also distantly related to General Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were members of the established Church of England. Their children are (for names and biographies see later pages.) Mrs. Ferguson came to America in 1880, and first met Dr. Ferguson in Phila. She is active in good works, and is a faithful member of the Episcopal Church.

ALICE ELEANOR PERKINS, wife of Benjamin Bassett Ferguson, M.D., was born Nov. 15, 1860 in London, England. She was the daughter of Eleanor (Wesley) and George James Perkins. She died Nov. 22, 1940; death recorded in Camden City Record, Vol. #1167 to 1547, p. 1378. Benj. B. Ferguson's death recorded in Camden City Death Record Book I, p.82. Both are buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del.

The family home was at 13 and 15 Alma St., Stratford, Essex, London. The family church was St. Paul's, Stratford, Essex, it was a branch of the mother church, West Ham Parish; at that time the rector was George Patrick Keogh; the rector of West Ham Church ---Scott. She was confirmed in St. Paul's Cathedral Nov. 10, 18 (date not clear on her confirmation card), it is signed by H. Hawkins. She attended the church school of the parish. After the death of her mother and her father's second marriage she came to the United States and lived at 314 S. 3rd St., then a very nic residential section. She met Father while she was living there and it was at this house they were married Feb. 7th 1883 by the Rev. H.B. Hitchings, asst. minister of St. Peter's Church, Phila. At this time Father was at the Univ. of Penna. but a Delaware friend of his, Jacob Hill, lived at 221 S. 3rd St., and it may have been through him they became acquainted.

After her husband's death in 1906 at 3rd and Washington Sts., Camden, the Drug Store was sold to Mr. Wilbur Leib. We lived in an apartment there, Mr. and Mrs. Leib occupying the rest of the house, until the family moved to 107 Cooper St., West Mont, N.J. in Feb. 1908. After Susan's marraige in 1912 Mother and I moved to an apartment at 455 S. 6th St., Camden, with Miss Julia Kemble. We stayed at Miss Julia Wood's house at 410 S. 15th St., Phila. for a few months in 1913. Mother made her second visit to England in 1914. While she was abroad in 1914 I

stayed with Susan, then living at 1257 No. Alden St., Phila., and with Mrs. Marion Spencer, a friend of Mrs. Bunston's, on Wallace St., Phila. When Mother returned from England in August 1914 we rented an apartment at 5217 Cedar Ave., Phila. and stayed there until we moved to 1527 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del. in Nov. 1915. During World War I we moved back to Phila., renting a house at 34 S. 44th St., from Mrs. McCloskey; her daughter, Mrs. Reilly, lived next door at 36 S. 44th St., she is a friend of James Colpitts wife. The move to 44th St. was made in April 1918 and to 406 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, N.J., in November 1924.

On her first visit back to England in 1898 we were living "up the lane" at Black Bird; this was the year after Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and Mother brought back home one of the Jubilee souvenir plates, which we still have; she also brought back the wide-blue-banded plates with the City of London coat-of-arms, this is from a set of china used in the Mansion House, London, the home of the Lord Mayors during their term of office. She sailed from Phila. June 25, 1898 on the "Pennland" for Liverpool; it was on this trip she met Mrs. Wm. Smith of Phoenixville, Mabel (later Mrs. Ernest Burner) was with her. She re-visited many places in England, and while there called at the office of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" at 19, Delahay St., Westminister, S.W. to obtain material for the 200th Anniversary of St. Anne's, Middletown, Del., which was to be held in 1905; at this office she saw letters which the missionaries had written from the Colonies about this Church on the "Appoquinimey". She returned on the "Rhynland" sailing from Southampton to New York Sept. 3, 1898. Her sister, Charlotte, who had been abroad that summer also returned on this ship.

On her visit in 1914 she sailed from Phila. Mar. 30 on the S.S. "Haverford" to Queenstown and Liverpool. On this trip she was in Paris, France on the 4th of July; while there she went also to Versailles. Her half-sister Rosina (nicknamed "Bob") went with her. During this trip Mother spent a grea deal of the time in the English villages and country. Among the places visited were Devon, Clovelly, Great Yarmouth, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Stoke Poges, Stratford-on-Avon, Honiton - bringing back Honiton lace - and the seashore resorts. She returned on the S.S. "Dominion" sailing from Liverpool July 5th 1914 for Phila. On this trip there were not so many passengers and Mother had a cabin to herself. But before the "Dominion" made her next trip, was had been declared and the boat was so crowded passengers were sleeping in every available spot. Mother said when she left London there was no thought of a foreign war, but they were concerned that there might be a civil war in Ireland.

Among Mother's special friends were Mrs. Wm. Ellis (Carrie), nee Montgomery, Mary Ellis Records' mother; Mrs. Homas Bunston, Mrs. Capt. Wiggins of Townsend, Mrs. James Flanagan of Black Bird (she was a Miss Lamb); "Aunt Kate" Haegele, nee Wesley; Mrs. Nellie Walsh and Mrs. Grieves of Smyrna, and Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mabel Smith Turner's mothers; and Mrs. George D. Armstrong.

The child's tea set with maroon bands and decorations and the two little plates with gold decorations in the center, were Mother's when she was a little girl. The silver tea spoons engraved O.R.C. were given to Mother and Father in 1892 by a friend of theirs, Mr. Oakly Runyon Cowdrick. At that time (1892) he said they were about 55 years old, as he and his wife had had their 50th wedding anniversary; in 1892 she had been dead about 5 years, so the sppons are over a hundred years old.

The tea spoons engraved B.B.F. were given to Father, Dr. Benj. B. Ferguson by his mother, before his marriage.

Mother told us the following rhyme of "London Bells":

"Oranges and lemons say the bells of St. Clemens,
You owe me five farthings say the bells of St. Martins,
When will you pay me, say the bells of Old Bailey?
When I grow rich, say the bells of Shoreditch.
When will that be, say the bells of Stepney?
I do not know, says the great bell of Bow."

Each of these London bells has a difference tone, and they can be recognized by their tone.

Mother, Alice E. Ferguson, was very thorough in everything she did; her crochet work was beautiful and always exact, practically all the crocheting we have is her handiwork - she loved to do it; she made two tablecloths, a luncheon set and at least eight bedspreads, as well as many other articles. In character she was very just and sincere with a strong sense of loyalty.

BESSIE BROCKSON, eldest daughter of Benjamin B. and Alice E. (Perkins) Ferguson, was born January 16, 1884 at Clayton, Del. She was named Bessie for (Temperance) Bessie Brockson and Brockson to include Richard Brockson' s name. She was baptized Jan. 16, 1885 by Rev. W.B. Gordon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Del. The baby mug with "Bessie" engraved on it was given to her at this time by Miss Laura Jump, later the wife of William Brockson. She was confirmed by Bishop Coleman in St. Anne's Church, Middletown, Del., on May 16, 1897; the Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector.

During the time the family was living in Camden, N.J. she spent a great deal of that time with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brockson at Black Bird. Most of her school days were at Black Bird, although she attended the E.A. Stevens School in Camden for a short time; her teachers there were Miss Minnie S. Johnson and Miss Alice M. Jester. Her first teacher at Black Bird was Miss Emma Sylvester, later Mrs. --- Martin, now (1955) living at Goldsboro, Md.; this was from 1890 to 1893. Some of the other teachers were Miss Lucy Meredith,1893-94; it was thru Miss Meredith the family became acquainted with the Hamiltons, Lucia Hamilton later became Mrs. Benj. Hoxie, ~~who~~ he was the teacher from 1895 to '96. Miss Reba Lloyd from 1896 to '97; followed by Miss Margie Dilworth and a Miss Shaw; Mr. George McIntire, later State Senator of Del. taught from about 1897 to 1899; them Mr. A.M. Mackey; Virginia Creamer, later wife of Edward Records, also was one of the teachers. These dates are only approximated, as some of the teachers did not serve the full term. As the nearest Episcopal Church was six miles away, the family attended Scott M.E. Church at Black Bird. The Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Lottie Brockson, wife of J. E. Brockson; she was a Sunday School authority,

deeply religious, sincere and a lovely character. First music teacher was Mrs. Ophelia George, then living in Odessa, a sister of Dr. Will Davis' wife, other music teachers were Miss Margie Dilworth, Mrs. Hoxie, Miss Alice McKee and Miss Mary Hutchins of Middletown.

After the family moved to Camden in 1902 she made application in Sept. '05 at the Curtis Publishing Company for a "temporary position". She was accepted and her first position was in the Daily Mail under Miss Julia Goll; as the work passed from that division she was transferred to the Subscription Division where Mr. J. H. Hancock was the Manager. Here she met Mrs. Margaret Hardie; she worked with her and under Miss Fritz and Miss Gohl. She went back and forth from Daily Mail, Subscription, Complaint and Patterns Divisions, until she went with Miss Lottie Hedenberg in the Cost Dept. Miss Hedenbert had charge of the Job Printing and Bessie Ferguson stayed with her until a separate division was created for the printing. Mr. Chas. H. Bowden was made manager and she was the office force. Was correspondent in the Circulation Dept. for several months, under Mr. P. S. Collins, but Mr. Bowden not haveing found a satisfactory assistance, asked that she come back to Job Printing, and she, preferring that work, was pleased to go back. After Mr. Bowden's resignation, she continued with Mr. Everett R. Currier, his successor. Due to overcrowded conditions in the building at 4th and Arch St.s Job Printing office and Job Press were moved to 718 Arch St. When the company went to the new building on Independence Square, these divisions moved there. It was at this time she met Mercedes Simonds and a little group collected, meeting at lunch time. In this group dubbed the "Royal Family" by Mrs. Nicholson, the hostess in the Lunch Room, were Mercedes, Edith Tripple, later Mrs. Ernest Irwin, Mary Reed, Mr. Bok's Secretary,

Mabel Zimmerling (Zimmie) then Asst. Art Editor of the Journal, Eloise Vidal, Katherine Jackson, Mary Leverich, Mrs. J. B. Williams Secretary, Miss Huey and Bessie Ferguson. Katherine Virden, later wife of Clarence Southerland of Wilmington, and Mary Fulton of the Ledger, joined the group later. About this time Mr. Robert C. Clothier, now (1940) head of Rutgers University, was head of the Employment Div., previously he had been in the Circulation Dept. where he was one of a group in which among others were Mr. E. Muschamp, brother of Stanley Muschamp, the organist, Mr. Irvine, Mr. DeGrouchy, Mr. M. E. Douglas, all brilliant ment In after years, Adelaide Neall, one of the S.E.P. editors, joined the luncheon group, now greatly changed by marriages, resignations, and deaths. Mercedes Simonds was secretary to Mr. C. H. Ludington; as Mr. Ludington was one of the high officials of the Company, Mercedes' position was one of great responsibility, and she was always worthy of the trust given her. Mr. Ludington was a real gentleman in the true sense of the word, a man of sterling character and financial brains of the company; his death left a void in the Company which has never been filled.

Mr. Currier was succeeded by Mr. Harrie A. Bell, son of Mr. Jerome Bell of Wilmington, Del. When Mr. Bell resigned to go with the Holmes Press in 1918, he recommended that Bessie Ferguson be appointed Manager of the Division. This was done, and her immediate superior was Mr. Alan Reed, with Mrs. P. S. Collins as his superior officer. During the Depression in the latter part of 1932 the Company re-organized several divisions and absorbed Publicity :Printing Division. The Company pensioned Bessie Ferguson Jan. 16, 1933.

While living in Camden, Bessie Ferguson took violin lessons from Mr. Smith, a friend of the Rowands. About this time she also took private German lessons from Gerhard Kunze, a teacher at the German Lutheran Church School; During one of the lessons he told her a little son had been born. This little son was William Gerhard Kunze, who grew up to be the head of the German-American Bund in 1940. She received a diploma from the Camden Commercial College, where she studied stenography and typewriting in the evening classes, Diploma dated March 20, 1908. During World War 1 she joined a Red Cross Class of Curtis employees; they met in a building on Chestnut St. above 6th St. Phila. After she was pensioned she joined the Red Cross in Haddon Heights.

Bessie Ferguson joined the Woman's Club of Haddon Heights in 1934; was elected Corresponding Secretary and Delegate to the State Convention in Atlantic City in 1936; re-elected Corres. Sec. in 1937 and '38; elected 1st Vice President in 1939, and re-elected in 1940 and '41. Elected President April 1942. Re-elected in 1943, then became a member of the Ex-Presidents Club of the First District.

She became a member of the Isaac Burroughs Chapter, D.A.R. on Feb.1, 1939, through her descent from Daniel Ferguson. In March 1952 she was given Supplemental membership through William Weldon, a signer of the Oath of Allegiance. Was elected Recording Secretary of the Chapter in Lay 1941; Vice-Regent in 1944; and Regent in May 1947. Upon completion of her term she joined the Ex-Regents Club. Elected Chaplain in May '53. National Number 313195.

Admitted to Daughters of American Colonists January 14, 1944. National Number 6410.

SUSAN ELEANOR, second daughter of Benjamin B. and Alice E. (Perkins) Ferguson was born June 7, 1886 in Camden, N.J.Birth recorded Camden City Birth Record Book F. p. 159. She was named for her two grandmothers; baptized Nov. 7, 1886. Altho' the Baptismal Certificate is signed only by the Rev. J. H. Townsend, Mother says he was assisted by the Rev. Charles Mercer Hall, brother of Herbert Hall, and Susan says when she saw Mr. Hall at his mother's funeral, he told her he had baptized her at St. Barnabas'xChapel, Camden. She was confirmed by Bishop Coleman in St. Anne's Church, Middletown, Del., May 20, 1900. She attended the E.A.Stevens School in Camden, N.J. until the family moved to Delaware in 1892. She had the same teachers as Bessie Ferguson. After the family returned to Camden in 1902 she again attended the E.A. Stevens School until she began the study of Pharmacy under her father; she completed her apprenticeship under Mr. R. Willard of Haddonfield; she continued her studies at the Phila. College of Pharmacy where she graduated in 1907 with a degree of Doctor of Pharmacy (P.D.). As she was not quite 21 when she graduated, the diploma could not be given her until she reached that age. Her first position was as Pharmacist at the Paterson N.J. General Hospital; she remained there until 1908 when she resigned to accepted a similar position at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital at 210 E. 64th St., New York. She stayed with this hospital until her marriage.

Susan Eleanor Ferguson and Thomas Garwood Rowand, son of Charles Cooper MacElroy Rowand and Mary (Cunningham) Rowand of Camden, N.J. were married June 26, 1912 at her home 107 Cooper Ave., West Mont, N.J. This marriage is recorded in Haddon Township Record of Vital Statistics Old Book (un-numbered and not paged). Thomas G. Rowand's birth is recorded in Camden City Birth Record Book F. p. 129.

The bridesmaids were Eleanor Josepha Turton (later Meierdierck)and Ida Riley (later Holler), maid-of-honor Clarissa Hose (later Ulrich, later Stephens). Best man was Frederich R. Schilp, Harvey Records gave the bride away; Bassett Ferguson had been asked to do this, but becoming confused on the address, did not arrive at the house until after the ceremony. Bessie B. Ferguson played the wedding march. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edward Farren Hayward, assisted by the Rev. G.R. Underhill, former rector of St. John's, Camden.

Their first home was at 1025 Spruce St., Camden; they lived at 1257 N. Aldan St., Phila. for 18 months but preferring Camden they returned there to 1054 Haddon Ave., then to 1217 Princess Ave and for a short time with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Turton, at 121 Haddon Ave., West Mont; a few weeks at 26 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, then to 1041 Princess Ave., Camden, where they lived for several years until they moved to 116 Congress Ave., Oaklyn, July 5, 1923.

Susan E. Rowand joined the Woman's Club of Haddon Heights in 1936 and the Woman's Club of Oaklyn in 1939, of which she was appointed Federation Secretary in 1941 and delegate to the State Convention the same year. She is a past president of the P.T.A. She became a member of the Isaac Burroughs Chapter, D.A.R., Feb. 1, 1940. National # 318962.

Thomas Garwood Rowand, Jr., son of Thomas G. Rowand and Susan E.F. Rowand was born June 8, 1913 at 1025 Spruce St., Camden. (Recorded in Camden City Birth Records Book K. p. 215). He was baptized Nov. 16, 1913 at St. John's Church, Camden, by the Rev. Chas. L. Cooder; confirmed in Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood, by Bishop-Coadjutor Knight. He graduated from Collingswood High School in 1931 and attended Drexel Institute for one year.

Thomas Garwood Rowand, Jr., and Mildred May, daughter of George Henry Robinson and Emily Chamberlain (English) Robinson were married in Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood, N.J. by the Rev. Father Bailey, July 19, 1934. (Rec. in Collingswood Record of Marriages Book #2, p. 324). Mildred was born Aug. 18, 1912(Rec. in Camden City Records Book of Births K. p. 215). They have two children: Barbara Joyce, born in Cooper Hospital, Camden, Nov. 1, 1944; and Thomas Ferguson, born same place, Nov. 1, 1946. Both children are members of Sarah Harrison Hugg Society, C.A.R., Barbara's National Number is C.A.R. 55431; Thomas' C.A.R. #58999.

Thomas Garwood Rowand, Jr., volunteered for service in World War 11 Sept. 1942; Accepted as a Volunteer Officer Candidate Oct. 16, 1942; after induction at Ft. Dix Nov. 20, '42 he served his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. starting Dec.; entered Officers Training School at Ft. Belvoir, Va. in March '43, graduated June 9, '43 and commissioned 2nd Lieut. in Avaition Engineers. Latter part of July transferred to Air Base at Richmond, Va. He and his wife lived with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Loyall on the Williamsburg Road. Left Richmond Feb. 29, '44 when his company started for the Pacific area; served in the Philippines, New Guinea, Japan, Okinawa, and many other islands in that vicinity. Was promoted to 1st Lieut. and later to Captain. At present (1955) he is active in the National Guard of the U.S., 114th Armored Infantry Battalion.

Garwood came home from the Pacific area via the Panama Canal; arrived at Camp Kilmer January 4, 1946; came home January 7, 1946. His mother, his wife and baby went to Ft. Monmouth for him. Separated from the Army Mar. 18, 1946. His name is on the Honor Roll of Bell Tower, Valley Forge.

Thomas Garwood Rowand, Sr., died July 16, 1953, buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del.

ALICE MARY ROWAND, daughter of Thomas Garwood Rowand, Sr., and Susan E.F. Rowand, was born August 16, 1914 at 1257 N. Alden St., Phila. She was named for her two grandmothers - Alice (Perkins Ferguson) and Mary (Cunningham Rowand). She was baptized in St. John's Church, Camden, Aug. 23, 1916 by the Rev. J. H. Townsend; graduated from Collingswood High School in 1932; married at Elkton, Md. Aug. 20, 1932 to Horace Augustus Brown son of Element Augustus Brown and Nanniebelle (Haskins) Brown of Kentucky. Horace was born in Central City, Ky., Jan. 25, 1911. They were divorced at Camden, N.J., Alice received the final decree Feb. 1, 1944. Dec. 9, 1944 she married George Douglas Bloomer at Logan Presbyterian Church, Audubon, N.J. George's Mother was Mrs. Jane Bloomer, born in England, died Dec. 16, 1948.

ALICE MARY ROWAND BLOOMER became a member of the Isaac Burroughs Chapter, D.A.R., Feb. 1, 1949. National # 382446

ALICE VIRGINIA, third daughter of Dr. Benjamin Bassett Ferguson and Alice E. (Perkins) Ferguson, was born Dec. 2, 1887 at Camden, N.J. Died June 25, 1888, buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, N.J. Her mother wished to name her for her two sisters, Charlotte and Annie, but her father insisted she be named for her mother, Alice. Her mother not wanting to give only one of the sister's names and not wanting to give the baby three names selected the name of Virginia. Alice was baptized at St. Barnabas' Chapel, Camden, N.J. Jan. 15, 1888 by the Rev. J. H. Townsend. Mr. Edwin A. Marsh and her aunts Charlotte and Annie were the sponsors.

GEORGE JAMES PERKINS, father of Alice Eleanor Perkins Ferguson, was born May 7, 1835, the son of James and Charlotte Perkins. He died Nov. 23, 1888, aged 53 years. Buried in West Ham Cemetery, grave # 17, 218. He had a sister Emma and brothers John, Harry, Fred, Albert, and Edward, these latter two served in the Army in India. On a photograph of Edward Perkins, is the notation: 11th Hussars, 1878. Fred was an organist in Red Brick Church, bethnal Green, close to Whitechapel, London. In this church a service for the deaf and dumb was held at one side of the church at the same time the regular services were being held. George James Perkins was a member of the Essex Volunteer Artillery and he won many trophies for his markmanship.

ELEANOR WESLEY, wife of George James Perkins was born Oct. 21, 1836, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah(Temple) Wesley. Eleanor Perkins died Sept. 7, 1874, aged 38 years. Buried in West Ham Cemetery, Stratford, Essex, London, England. They were married in the Parish Church in the parish of Bromley St. Leonard in the County of Middlesex Nov. 2, 1857. At the time of their marriage they were living in Bromley. See pages following for biographies of their children. After her death George J. Perkins married a widow, Margaret Innes; her daughters were Emily and Margaret. George J. Perkins and Margaret Innes Perkins had four children: i, Rose, a school teacher, Louise, George and Albert.

In an autograph book are the following notations: Mary A. Perkins, March 5th (this may have been George J. Perkins' 2nd wife, altho' it is believed her name was Margaret); Louise Perkins June 19th; George E. Perkins October 11th; Albert E. Perkins, March 9th; Rosina Perkins, July 1st (her nickname was "Bob") Margaret Innes Sept. 18th. (probably the daughter of Mrs. Perkins first marriage.)

SARAH TEMPLE, wife of BENJAMIN WESLEY, was born Sept. 1800 at Sarratt (for information of Sarratt Church write The Rector, Sarratt Rectory, Rickmansworth, Herts, England.) near Watford; their wedding day was Dec. 31, but year is unknown. When the bride returned from the Church her mother placed a cap on her head because she was then a married woman, and from that day on a cap was always worn - this is shown in her photograph. Benjamin and Sarah (Temple) Wesley are buried in Old St. Michaels, St. Albans, near London. Records of this Church show a burial June 13, 1874 of a Sarah Wesley, of the Sub-District of Stratford in the County of Essex, Aged 73. Portraits of George J. Perkins and Sarah T. Wesley are in the locket brooch which Susan E. F. Rowand has. Sarah T. Wesley died June 9th 1874.

BENJAMIN AND SARAH (TEMPLE) WESLEY had four children: Benjamin, wife Mary Ann Shirley, died about 1866, he had a son Benjamin whose wife was Lydia Mullett; and three daughters, Sarah, Annie, and Eleanor.

SARAH married John Swinburne (a cousin of Algernon Swinburne, the poet); she died in June 1888 and he in 1876, both are buried at Forest Gate Cemetery. Their two daughters, Sarah Jane and Annie Elizabeth, married brothers, John and Harry Wise; they were brothers of of James Wise who married Sarah Ann Perkins. The brother William Swinburne is the great-grandfather in the 4-generation picture, the grandson is John Swinburne.)

ANNIE, second daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Temple) Wesley married Joseph Hawkins. They had a son Harry and a daughter Annie. They are buried in Forest Gate Cemetery.

ELEANOR, wife of George James Perkins, was the youngest daughter. See separate pages for children of George J. and Eleanor (Wesley) Perkins.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE JAMES PERKINS AND ELEANOR (WESLEY) PERKINS

(All born in London, England)

i - SARAH ANN, born Aug. 2, 1859, died May 22, 1931, buried in Chingford Mt. Cemetery, Essex, London. Married James Wise and they had three sons: i - James, wife, Rosie (West?), son Dennis; ii - Frederick Clarence, Dec. 24, 1916 married Eleanor (Nellie) Elizabeth, daughter of John Thomas Kay and Catherine Elizabeth Kay, who was born Apr. 10, 1890. Two children: Mary Eleanor Wise, born Feb. 28, 1918 and Frederick Thomas James Wise, born July 5, 1921, he is married and now (1955) has two children. iii - Stephen, wife "Mollie" (May) married Feb. 8, 1924.Both James and Fred served in World Warl; Fred joined Sept. 9, 1914 the 2nd Batt. City of London Royal Fusiliers, was wounded and gassed during the Gallipoli campaign, and on account of wounds was discharged Mar. 1, 1917. He died Feb. 21, 1929. James Wise died Sept. 27, 1941, primarily from shocks induced by repeated bombings of his home and of his place of business. Memorial Card says age 50 years. Buried in Abney Park , Cemetery, where his father and possibly his brother Fred may be buried. Sarah Ann Wise visited the U. S. in 1920 and returning in 1921 on the S.S.Haverford.

ii - ALICE ELEANOR, born No.v 15, 1860. See pp 50 to 53 for biography.

iii - CHARLOTTE EMMA, born Oct. 23, 1862. Named Charlotte for her fathers mother and Emma for his sister. She came to the U. S. in April 1887; graduated from the Penna. Hospital Training School for Nurses in Phila. about 1890. Her Hospital Pin says "Awarded to C. Perkins 1888" but that may be the year she entered the School. Soon after her arrival in the States she made application for admission to the Penna. Training School, but not being admitted as quickly as she desired, she entered the Episcopal Hospital Training School. She had been there only a short time

when she was notified she could enter the Penna., and she left the Episcopal Hospital and completed her training at the Penna. She died Nov. 5, 1935 at the Old Ladies' Home, Wissinoming, Phila. and is buried at St. Anne's, Middletown, Del. The Nurses Alumnae Asso. of the Penna. Hospital wrote the following "In Memoriam" to her in their Minute Book and also sent a copy to the American Journal of Nursing.:

"Charlotte E. Perkins, Class of 1888, Pennsylvania Hospital Training School for Nurses, Philadelphia, Pa., passed away November 5, 1935, after an illness of some weeks.

Miss Perkins' first position was in a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., and from there to the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh as Superintendent of Nurses, starting the Training School (1891)

After leaving Pittsburgh she came to Phila. and was in charge of the Maternity Hospital at 10th and Fitzwater Sts., which she brought to a high state of efficiency. After ten years of service here she was in charge of the City Nurses in Phila. and also of a hospital in Alabama.

The last position she held was as Supt. of the old Lying-In Charity Hospital at 11th and Cherry Sts., Philadelphia.

Miss Perkins was a wonderful executive and left her impress for good in every institution she served.

Miss Perkins was one of the charter members of her hospital alumnae and served as President for many years. The members of the Alumnae deeply regret her passing. We feel that we have lost not only a good friend but one of our valued pioneer nurses."

Charlotte Perkins was a member of St. Barnabas Guild, a nursing organization, also a member of Holy Trinity P. E. Church, 19th and Walnut Sts., Phila. for many years, when the Rev. Floyd Tompkins was rector.

iv - ANNIE JOSEPHINE, born May 21, 1864Named Annie for her mother's sister and Josephine for her Aunt Annie's husband Joseph Hawkins. Came to the U. S. in 1887. Married Thomas Lindsay Turton Nov. 21, 1888 in Camden, N.J. They had two daughters: Eleanor Josepha, born Mar. 27, 1890, named for her two grandmothers, married Edward Meierdierck June27, 1936 at St. Mary's P. E. Church, Haddon Heights, N.J. Livingat present in Audubon. Alice Ferguson, born June 17, 1891, named for her mother's sister. She died in early childhood, buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, N.J. Annie J. Turton died Sept. 21, 1927 and Thomas L. Turton, June 8, 1937; they are buried in the same grave in Evergreen Cemetery. Most of their married life was in West Mont, N.J.

v - ADA FLORENCE, born Feb. 2, 1866; married Charles Ambrose Shaw. They had five sons: Stephen John, born June 20, 1886; Charles George, Feb. 17, 1888; Albert Edward, Mar. 21, 1892; Stanley Ambrose, Oct. 7, 1894; Frank, do not know the date of his birth. Albert and Stanley served in World Warl and probably also the other boys. Charles Shaw had a bookbinding establishment at #6 Featherstone Bldg., High Holborn, London. His wife, Ada, died Oct. 11, 1915 and is buried in Finchley Cem. St. Pancras Ground.

vi - BENJAMIN WESLEY, born Nov. 10 or 11, 1867; named for his mother's father. He married and I believe his children are; Beatrice, Albert, Violet and Sydney. He died about 1931.

vii - WALTER TEMPLE, born Jan. 14, 1870. Temple was the maiden name of his mother's mother. First came to the U. S. in Feb. 1886, went back and forth several times before making this his home. Married Margaret Browley. They had eight children: George James, born Mar. 1, 1895, wife's name, Bessie; they have several children. Albert, wife's name, Hazel; they have several children; he died June 20, 1947. Hazel died July 25,'50.

Willis de Unger, born June 20, 1902, but in order to enlist in World War 1, gave the year of his birth as 1898, married Esther van Zant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. van Zant, Oct. 22, 1927; Esther was born Jan. 23, 1906. They have three sone: Howard Walter, born Oct. 26, 1928; in Camden, named for his two grandfathers; married Phyllis Martha Prince, Oct. 30, 1948. Willis deUnger, Jr., born Mar. 30, 1930 at home, married. Douglas Wesley, born May 9, 1943. Walter, Jr., wife's name Violet. Benjamin, wife's name Lena, they have children. Margaret, married James R. Powell, Jan.26 , 1935three children: Eileen Ethel, born Aug. 21, 1936, Robert Walter, born July 7, 1938, and Richard, born Oct. 24, 1939. Bessie, married Pasquale de Pietrandonia, July 21, 1936, two daughters. Alice Ferguson, bron Mar. 2, 1922, named for her father's sister Alice E. Perkins Ferguson, married Arthur Pike Oct. 12, 1940 at Westfield Acres, Camden; two children Linda Joyce, bron Nov. 8, 1943 and John Arthur Pike, born Sept. 30, 1947. Another child of Walter and Maggie Perkins, Ada Florence, died in early childhood.

Albert and Willis, although under age at the time, volunteered for enlistment and served in World War 1. Willis became a patrolman in 1929 in Pennsauken Township and was Police Chief at the time of his death.

Walter T. Perkins died Dec. 8, 1933; his wife, Maggie Browley Perkins, Jan. 3, 1936. Both are buried in Arlington Cemetery, Camden,N.J.

viii - ALBERT JOHN, born March 12, 1872, died in infancy.

ix - MINNIE ELEANOR, born June 17, 1873. She was a graduate Nurse. She married and lives (or lived) in St. Helier, Isle of Jersey.

JOHN AND MARTHA WELDON OF APPOQUINIMINK HD., NEW CASTLE CO., DEL.

That JOHN WELDON was the father of Susan Taylor Weldon, Martha Weldon, William Weldon and Rayworth Weldon, is verified by four partition deeds dated Feb. 9, 1846 and recorded in Deed Records Q, Vol. 5, p.307, S. Vol. 5, p. 25, T. Vol. 5, p. 89 and T. Vol. 5, p. 125. In these four partition deeds made by Bassett Ferguson and Susan T., his wife, John Lynam and Martha, his wife, William Weldon, Jr., and Sarah, his wife, and Rayworth Weldon, it is recited that the said Susan T., Martha, William and Rayworth were the children of John Weldon. These four deeds divided among them the land which had been deeded to Susan T. Ferguson, Martha Lynam (then Staats), William Weldon, Jr., and Rayworth Weldon by Susan Taylor on Mar. 23, 1838, Deed Record C. Vol. 5, p. 93 (for 83 acres of land). In addition to the Taylor land they also included a tract of 27 acres which they had inherited from their mother. Three of the deeds recite that the 27-acre tract was the same land conveyed to their grandmother by James Lathum and Rebecca, his wife, by deed dated June 9, 1725 (1795) and recorded in Deed Record Y. Vol. 2, p. 3. The grantee in this deed was Martha Woodson (Wooderson). In the fourth of the partition deeds it is stated that said 27-acre tract was conveyed to their "mother" by the said James Lathum, etc. These four deeds are all dated the same day and probably were written by the same person. The question is whether three of the deeds are wrong or only one. It is probable that only one is wrong as the grantee was Martha Woodson (Wooderson). It is believed the maiden name of the children's mother was Martha Wooderson.

The definite birth and death dates of John Weldon are not known at this time (1955). The 1820 Census Record gives his age as "of 26 and under 45". This would bring his birth date between 1775 and 1794. The four children can be identified from this record. It is presumed he died between 1820 and Oct. 9, 1822, the date Martha Weldon purchased property. It is believed that at that time a wife could not purchase property in her own name if her husband were living. It is believed that John and Martha Weldon were buried at Old Union, Appo. Hd., Del., and that their graves were not marked. This belief is based on the fact other Weldons are buried there and the children of Susan Taylor Weldon Ferguson and Bassett Ferguson who died when they were young are there, and that Bassett Ferguson (son of Richard Ferguson) is there.

That MARTHA WELDON was the mother of Susan Taylor Weldon, Martha, William, and Hayworth Weldon is verified by a deed dated Apr. 30, 1842 made by Bassett Ferguson, Susan, his wife, and William Weldon, Jr., in which it is stated that "Martha Weldon left to survive her four children, namely, Susan, party thereto, William, also a party, Martha, wife of John Lynam, and Hayworth."(Deed Record I - or L- Vol. 5, p. 500). On Oct. 9, 1822, Martha Weldon purchased from Isaac Cannon and Catherine, his wife, a tenement and lot of land in the village of Blackbird containing nearly two acres. The deed was recorded Apr. 24, 1826. Deed Record D. Vol. 4, p. 220. In the deed referred to above it is recited that Martha Weldon, deceased, was in her lifetime by virtue of an alienation bond from Susan Taylor, dated Oct. 10, 1825, in possession of a certain lot or piece of land whereon is erected a log dwelling house situated in the village of Blackbird containing one fourth of an acre of land; that said Martha Weldon at the time of her decease was seized in fee of said

land and that she left to survive her four children, namely, Susan, party thereto, William, also a party, Martha, wife of said John Lynam and Rayworth. This lot adjoined lands of John Matthews and the above named Susan Taylor, Martha Weldon therefore must have been living on Oct. 10, 1825; her name also appears on the Assessor's List of Appo. Hd., for 1825. She must have died between this date and 1830, as her name does not appear on the Census Record of 1830, but certainly between this date of Oct. 10, 1825 and Apr. 23, 1838, the date when Susan Taylor made the deed to Susan T. Ferguson, Martha Staats, William and Rayworth Weldon for the 83 acres. (See paragraph about JOHN WELDON, Deed Record C. Vol. 5. p. 93.) Her birth date is not known but in the 1820 Census Record of John Weldon, under the heading of "Free white females" (evidently his wife), the age is given as of "26 and under 45" including heads of families. This would bring her birth date between 1775 and 1794.

According to our Aunt, Mrs. R. C. Brockson, John and Martha Weldon were married in 1811.

It was general knowledge among the children of Susan T. Weldon (later Ferguson), Martha Weldon, (later Staats, Lynam, Naudain), William and Rayworth Weldon that the parents of these Weldons had died when these children were young and that they had been raised by Susan Taylor, an older half-sister of their mother, Martha Weldon. On the Census Record of 1830 the two girls - Susan T. and Martha - can be identified in the household of Susan Taylor; no mention is made of the boys. Susan Taylor is buried in Old Union Cemetery, Appo. Hd. Her stone reads "Susan Taylor, Died June 19, 1845. Age 64 years 5 mos. 3 days." This would bring her birth date as Jan. 16, 1781. The children called her "Auntie Taylor". Martha Weldon named her first child for her.

Elwood Denny, a grandson of Martha Weldon, remembers that on his 8th birthday (this would be in 1890) he took his grandmother and a friend of hers, Mrs. Maggie Bilderback was visiting her, to spend the day with their Aunt Susan (Susan T.W.Ferguson, then Hill), at Black Bird. It was impressed on his mind because he was allowed to drive alone for the first time that day, so it was a special event. On that day his grandmother pointed out a house in Black Bird along the road close to the little bridge, as where she went to live when her mother died; she told him they lived there with an old maid aunt (this would be Susan Taylor). Also that day his grandmother said the girls went to school only a few months and that was due to the fact that tuition having been paid for the boys, when they were sick one of the girls substituted. However, their old maid aunt (Susan Taylor) taught the girls at home. Another stand-out in his memory is the dinner which his Aunt Susan had prepared for them. It was a red letter day but driving the horse by himself was the biggest item of all.

Richard Taylor by his will dated Jan. 7, 1788, probated Mar. 13, 1788 and recorded in Will Record M. Vol. L, p. 308 (N. C. County Wills book, p. 114) left his property to his wife, Martha Taylor until his two children, Richard and Susanna Taylor should arrive at the age of 21, when it was to be equally divided between said children. It is believed that this Susanna Taylor is the Susan Taylor, half-sister of Martha Weldon, and the one who raised the Weldon children. In a deed made by John Reynolds et al. dated June 12, 1818, recorded in Deed Record V. Vol. 3, p. 16, "Susan Taylor" is named as one of the parties but she signed her name Susannah Taylor.

William Wooderson, Farmer, Appo. Hd., by his will dated Nov. 23, 1792, probated Dec. 6, 1792, recorded in Will Record N. Vol. 1, p. 305, left one-third of his "lands, goods and chattels" to his wife, Martha Wooderson, during her life; one hundred acres of land and a mare to his son Richard Wooderson; one hundred acres of land and a Negro girl called Cate, to his daughter, Sarah Wooderson, and "unto the child or children that my wife, Martha Wooderson, is now pregnant with, all my personal estate excepting the mare and the Negro above mentioned". This would bring the birth date of the child the latter part of 1792 or in 1793.

It appears that Martha Taylor, widow of Richard Taylor, who died in 1788, and mother of Susanna or Susan Taylor, married William Wooderson, then a widower with the two children, Richard and Sarah above mentioned, and that the unborn child proved to be a girl whom Mrs. Wooderson named Martha for herself. This would make Susanna or Susan Taylor and Martha Wooderson, half-sisters. This coincides with family tradition and is supported by the recitals in the four partition deeds mentioned in the paragraphs about John Weldon.

The executors of William Wooderson's will were his wife, Martha, and Jacob Reynolds. (N.C. Co. Wills Book p. 128.) Cary Weldon Burge at one time said she had been told the "Wootens" were family connections, and I followed this line, but could find them only as a Southern Delaware family. It has occurred to me that possibly instead of the name being Wooten it was Woodson or Wooderson.

Mr. James Lattomus, genealogist and attorney-at-law of Wilmington, Del., who compiled much of the material about John and Martha Weldon and their family connections, says that Abraham Taylor, Richard Taylor, Mary deFord and Ann Reynolds were the children of Abram Taylor, Sr.

In the will of Abraham Taylor, who evidently was the brother of Richard Taylor, Mary deFord and Ann Reynolds, dated Nov. 21, 1789, he devised his house and lot to his son William if he lived to have an heir, but if not the same should be divided among his two sisters and his brother's children, the whole to be divided into three parts. He bequeathed his wearing apparel to John Reynolds, but if he did not take it, to Abram Taylor, whoe relationship is not disclosed.

Our Aunt, Mrs. H. C. Brockson, believed Martha Weldon's name was de Ford but we can find nothing to substantiate this. On the Assessor's List of Appo. Md. for 1825 the names of both Martha deFord and Martha Weldon appear. On the 1810 Census Record there is a Martha deFord, Wd. age of "45 and upwards, including heads of families". Evidently she was the widow of Richard deFord, as on his Census Record of 1800, there are two "free white females" either of whom might be his wife: i, "of 16 and under 26, including heads of families" and ii, "of 45 and upwards, including heads of families", but the probability is that the latter was the wife, if she was 45 and upwards in 1810. There is no "free white female" on the Census Record of John Weldon in 1820 to correspond with this age. However, deFord was the married name of Mary, sister of Richard Taylor, whommit is believed was the father of Susan or Susannah Taylor. In a deed dated Dec. 10, 1799 made by John Reynolds and Ann, his wife, to William Griffin, it is stated Mary deFord, late Mary Taylor, late of Appo. Md., at the time of her death was seized in fee of a lot of land in the village of Blackbird, and being so seized, died intestate leaving no heirs of her body, consequently the heirs of her brother Richard and her sister Ann, who married the said John Reynolds became her heirs.

In a deed made by said John Reynolds, Susan Taylor, et al., dated June 12, 1818, it is stated that John Reynolds, Susan Taylor and Abram Taylor, now deceased, by alienation bond, dated Aug. 23, 1813, did grant and sell, etc. This bond is on record and is signed by John Reynolds, Susannah Taylor and Abram Taylor. It appears that Susan Taylor was the only surviving heir of Richard Taylor; a brother, Abram Taylor, being then deceased. It is believed the deFoards came originally from Maryland. The deed referred to in this paragraph is recorded in Deed Record V. Vol. 3, p. 16. Note that while she signed her name "Susanna" she is referred to in the body of the deed as "Susan".

The name of William Wooderson (spelled in various ways) appears on the Assessor's List of Appo. Hd. from 1785 to 1793; there is no list for 1794, but the "estate of William Wooderson" appears 1795, 1796 and 1804.

Note by S.S.F. It is my belief that the maiden name of Martha Wooderson, whom we believe to have been the widow of Richard Taylor, before her marriage to William Wooderson was Lathum. In support of this is the tract of 27 acres which the children inherited from their mother, and which had been conveyed by "James Lathum and Rebecca, his wife", Deed Record Y. Vol. 2, p. 3 (see p. 68). I have heard Aunt Temp speak of the Lathums, she said the name was variously spelled Lathum, Leathum, Leatherum, etc. The name of James Leatherum apppears on the Assessors List of Appo. Hd. from 1787 to 1804. I believe this to be the same James Lathum who conveyed land to Martha Wooderson on June 9, 1795, and that this Martha Wooderson was the daughter of James and Rebecca Lathum. And old teaspoon which we have and which Aunt Temp said came from Martha Weldon's side of the family has initials which, in the opinion of old-silver experts at Bailey, Banks and Biddle, and Caldwells, appear to be M. L.

SUSAN TAYLOR WELDON, eldest child of John and Martha Weldon of Appo. Hd., Del., was born in that hundred Sept. 16, 1813. As "the little brown house" farm was her residence for a time between the death of her husband, Bassett Ferguson, and of her marriage to her second husband, Vincent Offley Hill, and in later years of her daughter Susan M. (Sudie) Satterfield and her husband, it is possible this was part of the property inherited from her mother (See biography of her mother, Martha Weldon). It also is in the general vicinity of the propery bought by William and Haworth Weldon on Jan. 1, 1779; this transaction covered two tracts of land, one of which included the farm now (1940) owned by the Beiths, south of BlackBird. Susan Taylor Weldon, named for her mother's half-sister, Susan Taylor, married Bassett Ferguson of Luck Creek Hd., May 26, 1831. (See biography of Bassett Ferguson, pp 20-25). After his death she married Vincent Offley Hill in Phila. Pa., Aug. 18, 1869 by the Rev. Thomas Murphy of Frankford, recorded in Dept. of Vital Statistics, Phila. They lived in Black Bird in the "Old Hotel"; this was on the east side of the State Road, directly facing the road to the Station. On the same side of the road and to the north of it were several cottages, they were demolished when the road was widened. This Hotel had many small rooms on the second floor - suitable for hotel use - a large dining room and very large kitchen on the first floor. The kitchen was torn down when the house was moved for the DuPont Boulevard, now (1955) occupied by the Bradleys. Susan T. W. Ferguson, later Hill, died Oct. 2, 1899 and is buried in the Hill lot, St. Peter's Cemetery, Smyrna, Del.

The tall gold-banded teapots and the gold-banded plates - two fo each belonged to Susan and Bassett Ferguson, also the castor engraved "Ferguson".

The following was written by our aunt, Mrs. R. C. Brockson, about the old teapot decorated with the maroon-colored flowers: "This Teapot, belonged to a set of dishes, 56 pieces, given to Susan Taylor Ferguson, nee Weldon, and Bassett Ferguson by Susan Taylor as a wedding present, May 26, 1831. Susan Taylor was a half-sister of Martha Weldon, nee Deford,* mother of Susan Taylor Ferguson. John Weldon was married to Martha de * Ford in the year of 1811; they died young leaving four children: Susan Taylor Weldon, Martha Weldon, William Weldon, Rayworth Weldon. Susan Taylor kept the Weldon children until grown."

* We have found nothing to substantiate Martha Weldon's maiden name as deFord; the evidence indicates it was Wooderson, see pages 73 and 74.

Susan T. W. Ferguson, later Hill, was a very practical-minded person and believed no work should be done for "frivolous" purposes; for this reason she did not approve of any time being spent on the cultivation of flowers, used to say it would be more profitable to cultivate potatoes or cabbages. She had time for only one flower - the Althea, or Rose of Sharon. One big tree-like bush grew in the back-yard of the "Old Hotel, our altheas are descendants of that bush.

Our feather pillows, beds, and down quilts were made from Feathers and Down which Grandmother Ferguson plucked from her own flock of geese. As they were plucked from live geese in the spring, they are known as "live Geese" feathers, and much more desirable than feathers taken from dead fowl. Her needlework, of course all done by hand, was exquisitely fine; she did a great deal of patchwork for quilts.

MARTHA, second child of John and Martha Weldon was born in Appo. Hd. Del. Jan. 12, 1816; she died Mar. 20, 1895 and is buried in the lot of J.A. Lynam in Townsend Cemetery. On p. 354 of McCarter and Jackson's Biog. History of Dela. is the following biography of her son: (Cond.)

"Staats, Hon. John Fletcher, Ex-Auditor of Delaware, was born at Fieldsbor, Jan. 9, 1835. His father was Elias Naudain Staats.---The mother of this notice was Marha, daughter of John Weldon, a farmer of Appo. Hd. After the death of Elias Naudain Staats (her first husband) which occurred in 1835, she married John Lynam, and after his death became the wife of John Naudain. She is now (1882) a widow and lives near Odessa.--He was united in marriage Mar. 31, 1858 to Miss Martha R., daughter of Mark Davis.---- Four children have been bron of this union: Clarence D., Martha E., Mary E., and John M. (Mark) Staats." A similar biography appears in Hunk's Biographical History of Delaware, p. 1345.

In the biography above the daughters referred to as Martha E. and Mary E. were known as Bessie and Emma; Bessie married Dr. Thomas Enos of Townsend; Emma died when a child. Anna Denny says Clarence married Mamie Lean. So far as I know Mark Staats did not marry.

The children of Martha Weldon's second marriage to John Lynam were Jacob Albert and William. Albert married Sarah Hutchinson and they had two children: i, Nellie who married William Money, and ii, John; there is about 21 years difference between these two. Nellie has two children: Leliah and Charles. John (Jack) married Lelia Pearce June 7, 1944.
John Lynam died June 25, 1851, age 51 years. Buried at Old Union Cemetery.

William Lynam's wife's name was Emma (Coleman?). They had four children, two little girls who died young, and William and Alma. William married Maud Castle and Alma, Robert Ratledge.

All of these Lynams live or lived in and around Townsend, Del.

Martha Weldon had one daughter by her third husband, John Naudain. This daughter, Martha Cassander, was born Sept. 9, 1855, on a farm near Townsend; she died Feb. 22, 1908 and is buried in Townsend Cemetery. The name on her stone is given as Martha C. but she was always called Cassie. She was married May 12, 1875 to John W. Denny, who was born Nov. 7, 1845 and died Aug. 29, 1909; he, too, is buried in Townsend Cemetery. They had seven children:

i - Lillian, born Mar. 1, 1876, died Oct. 22, 1909.

ii - John Naudain, born June 7, 1877; died young and is buried in the Naudain lot at Old Union Cemetery.

iii - Ethel, born Sept. 4, 1878.

iv - John Elwood, born Feb. 28, 1882, married Kathryn Van Sant Oct. 7, 1907. Two children: i, Cassie Amelia, born May 4, 1910 and ii, Kathryn Margaret, born Nov. 3, 1911

v - Anna Naudain, born Apr. 14, 1887

vi - Benjamin Creamer, born Oct. 8, 1891, married Florence Dunwell, Feb. 23, 1925. One son, John Robert, born July 29, 1926.

vii - Martha Elizabeth, born June 7, 1897.

The above was given to me by Anna Denny of Wilmington, Del.

A brother of this John W. Denny, was George Denny, father of Benjamin Denny, an undertaker in Camden, N.J. (1955). George Denny's wife was a sister of Mr. Harry Grieves of Smyrna, Del; his wife was Miss Maggie Mayhood; they were married in Dec. 1890, according to the "50 Years Ago" column of the Smyrna Times, December 1940.

Martha Weldon's third husband, John Naudain, is buried in Old Union Cemetery, Appoquinimink Hd. (Near the front on the right hand side),

WILLIAM, third child and older son of John and Martha Weldon, was born in Appo. Hd., Del. Jan. 1, 1818, this is verified in the Family Bible which Lilian West Medill has, the notation there reads "William Weldon, the son of John & Martha Weldon was born January 1, 1818". (N.B. Any later references to a Family Bible will refer to this one). On May 20, 1845 he married Sarah Hutcheson, daughter of Benedick and Sarah Hutcheson (Family Bible). Their marriage bond, signed by William Weldon and Bassett Ferguson, dated May 19, 1845 is filed in the Hall of Records, Dover, Del., Vol. 23, p. 192. William Weldon died July 19, 1882 and is buried at Old Union, Appo. Hd. Sarah Hutcheson was born Aug. 24, 1822 (Family Bible) and died Sept. 25, 1911. After William Weldon's death she married Jacob Van Dyke - father of "Callie" Van Dyke Watts - but they did not live together very long. She is buried in Old Union Cemetery as the wife of William Weldon, no mention is made of her having been the wife of Mr. Van Dyke. They had seven children. Most of these records are from the Family Bible.: All data is of 1940.

i - Sarah Elizabeth, born March 8, 1846, died Nov. 14, 1918; married Henry Cooper, one daughter, May who married Wm. Derrickson; Mr. Cooper died Oct. 4, 1887.

ii - John Hayworth, born July 12, 1847, died Oct. 19, 1887, married Mary Emma Foxwell, who died Jan. 1, 1921. They had seven children: (1) Emma, married Franklin A. Somers, daughter Lillian May who married Clifford Ross. All deceased. (2) Cary L., born Nov. 12, 1873, died Sept. 9, 1940, buried in Townsend Cemetery. Married George C. Burge. Their children: George Clark, married Edna Beck, two children George C. 3rd and Beverly Louise ; 2nd child, Lester Kienie married Hazel W. Hancock, children, Lester, Jr., and Patricia Ann; 3rd child, William Rodney Weldon Burge, not married.

(3) Bertha, married Franklin V.D. Watts, son Bernard Curwin, not married. (4) William Barr, married Sarah A. Price, daughter Mildred, married N. Guessford, daughter Esther; son Wm. Barr, Jr., (5) John, married Marion Louise Quinn, three children, Marion Elizabeth married Stewart Lovell, children Helen and John Stewart; 2nd Helen Louise and 3rd Mary Jane. (6) Ernest, married Leah Short, daughter Martha, daughter Ellen married William Wheatly, son, Ernest, Jr., married Ruth Carroll. (7) Helen, married Jas. F. Simpson, no children,; after his death married Lewis D. Lerned of Cheswold, Apr. 19, 1941.

iii - Martha Ann, born Oct. 26, 1848, married Lewis Fennemore, no children; she died Nov. 20, 1934.

iv - Susan Taylor, named for her father's sister, Susan Taylor Weldon Ferguson, born Dec. 28, 1853, died in 1931; married Benjamin West, born 1843, died 1921, he was the son of Joseph and Rebecca(Molister or Maulster) West. Three children (1) William Benjamin, born Jan. 16, 1890, died Aug. 12, 1890. (2) Lillian Naomi, born Nov. 3, 1892 (?), married Charles Lore Medill Oct. 10, 1923 at Townsend, Del. One daughter, Carolyn, born Jan. 26, 1925. Lillian graduated from West Chester Normal School in 1911. For many years the West family lived on a farm near Black Bird Station, it is on the right side of the road going towards the staion and just beyond the mill; later they moved to Townsend and after Lillian's marriage to Wilmington. (3) Joseph W., born 1894 died 1915. Susan T., Benjamin M., and Joseph W., are buried in Forest Cemetery, Middletown, Del. In this cemetery are buried Joseph West, born Nov. 6, 1804, died May 15, 1878, and Frances E., wife of Joseph West, died Nov. 16, 1863 in the 44th years of her age. In St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, is an Anna S. West, widow of John C. Spear and Joseph West.

She died Feb. 16, 1882, aged 59 years, she may have been the second wife of Joseph West, father of Benjamin West. The name of the wife in Forest Cemetery is given as Frances E. but Lillian West Medill said her father's mother's name was Rebecca.

v - William Benedict, born Aub. 29, 1854, died June 26, 1922; married Elizabeth Amanda, born Aug. 14, 1852, daughter of James and Margaret Ann (Cornelius) Brockson, Feb. 6, 1884, she died May 3, 1930, both are buried in Old Union Cemetery, Appo. Hd. They had two daughters: Margaret Lavinia, born March 13, 1885, married William Thomas Pearce, Jr., Feb. 22, 1911, no children; and Sarah Amanda, who married Samuel L. Spicer; their children are (1) Elizabeth married Fred Carey; (2) Margaret married Elbert Golder; (3) William Charles (4) Mary Ellen married Wilbur Gove; (5) Samuel, Jr., (6) Leland, (7) Esther, (8) Jennett (9) Velma. We called this William Weldon "Cousin Will", as he and our father were first cousins (Father's mother and Cousin Will's father being sister and brother) but we called his wife "Aunt Amanda", she was Uncle Dick Brockson's sister and we called his brothers and sisters Uncle and Aunt.

vi - Rachel Jane, born Feb. 17, 1857, married Joseph Clarence Hutchison, her first cousin; she died Jan. 8, 1927. No children.

vii - Mary Catherine, born Feb. 25, 1862, died Feb. 25, 1863.

Much of the data about William and Sarah (Hutcheson) Weldon and their descendants was given to me by Cary Weldon Burge.

RAYWORTH, fourth child and younger son of John and Martha Weldon, was born in Appo. Hd., Del., Nov. 10, 1819, he died in Wilmington, Aug. 17, 1894 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del. His wife was Mary Ann Mannering. This branch of the family now spells the name Weldin. They had seven children : (The following data is as of 1940)

i - William B. Weldon, now residing at Milford, Delaware.

ii - Annie H. Chesney, now deceased and leaving to survive her one child, William Ames Chesney, who died Mar. 12, 1937.

iii - James Weldon, now deceased, and leaving to survive him four children, Alice Chance, Carney's Point, N.J.; Clarence Weldon, 400 West 6th St., Wilmington, Del; Ethel Green, 3035 Market St., Wilmington, Del.;and Charles T. Weldon, Elkton, Md.

iv - Martha Lloyd, now deceased, and leaving to survive her one child, Clarence O. Lloyd, 511 West 24th St., Wilmington, Del.

v - Susan C. Pierson, now deceased, and leaving to survive her six children: Emma G. Hayden, 79 S. Broadway, Dobb's Ferry, N. Y.; Olive D. Rogers, 321 East 4th St., Wilmington, Del.; Harvey L. Pierson, Stanton, Del; Elsie Taylor, 2318 West 18th St., Wilmington, ; Thomas R. Pierson, 6 Columbia Ave., Palisade, N. J.; Walter Pierson, now deceased, and who left to survive him two children, Virginia K. Malone, 79 S. Broadway, Dobb's Fergy, N.Y.; and Nellie S. Kilgor, Delta, Penna.

vi - Mary R. Parker, now deceased, and leaving to survive her one child, Mabel M. Rickards, who is now deceased, and leaving to survive her three children, John R. Rickards, 584 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Bessie Dinger, 410 E. 156 St., Bronx, N.Y.; and Pearl E. Carr, 124 Glendale Road, Scarsdale, N.Y.

vii - Harry Weldon, now deceased, and leaving to survive him two children; Annie M. Beeson, Elsmere, Del., and Joseph R. Weldon, Elsmere, Del.

The information about thedescendants of Rayworth and Mary Ann (Mannering) Weldon was given to me by Mr. Clifford V. Mannering of 920 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del. Mr. Mannering was born near Middletown, Del, Mar. 27, 1879, and was the son of Sewell and Mary Jane Mannering. This Mary Jane Mannering was a Weldon, and sister of a Benton and Willard Weldon, probably Benton V. (Van Buren?) Weldon. Mrs. Wm. B. Eldridge of 118 West 23rd St., Wilmington, is a sister of Mr. Mannering's. He died Sept. 7, 1940 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del.

RAYWORTH WELDON was Coroner at Wilmington, Del. 1880-1882 (Scharf's) Shortly after her marriage Mother met Rayworth Weldon on several of his visits to Grandmother (his sister); Mother said he was a fine old gentleman, that he had a manner something like Grandmother's but that he was more talkative.

Mr. James Lattomus said Mary Ann Mannering Weldon was the daughter of a James Mannering.

At. Old Union, Appo. Hd., is the marked grave of "John Taylor, son of Rayworth and Mary A. Weldon, died July 11, 1848, aged 7 mos., 12 das." It is probable he was the son of this Rayworth and Mary Ann (Mannering) Weldon.

SOME OF THE WELDONS OF APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED,

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, AND OF KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE.

From early Colonial days the WELDONS have been identified with Appoquinimink Hundred, especially in the vicinity adjacent to Blackbird Creek. The name has been spelled in various ways - Weldon, Weldin, Welden, Welding, Wheeldon, Whealdon, Whilldon, etc - but the families in Appo. Hd. seem to have favored spelling it "Weldon". Among the notes of Mr. Lewis Cass Weldin, who compiled the manuscript book "The Weldin Family in America", an extensive account of the Weldons, especially of the Brandywine Hd. Weldins, (a copy of which was sent to me by his son, Mr. Wm. Archie Weldin of Pittsburg) was the following:

"THE APPOQUINIMINK BRANCH: There has been a fmily residing in Appaquinimink Hundred from its earliest history. The original emigrant seems to have been Isaac Wheeldon and the first record is that he bought in 1689 a tract of land called "Dalton" and situated on the west side of the Delaware River, on a branch of Blackbird Creek. His estate was settled by Joseph, probably a son, in 1699. Joseph (probably the same) himself died in 1721 leaving four sons - Isaac, Joseph, John & Jacob. The descendants of these four sons have resided in this part of the County ever since. The name is now spelled by them Weldon & Weldin. They have a tradition that they were the first settlers in this part of the state, as indeed they must have been about the first resident property holders."

In 1684 Isaac Wheeldon purchased 220 acres of land on "west side of Delaware River and east side of Blackbird Creek". This is probably the same tract "Dalton" referred to above. Recorded Vol. A. p. 100 New Castle County Land Records.

When a list of the "Taxables of north side of Duck Creek Hundred" was made in 1687, the name of Isaack Weeldon appears (Scharf's p. 154). In the will of William Hatten, Duck Creek Hd., Feb. 9, 1687, Misc. 1. 174, p. 3, New Castle Co. Wills Book, the names of Elizabeth Wheeldon and Isaac Wheeldon appear. This is probably the same Isaac Wheeldon, as William Hatton's name also appears as one of the taxables with that of Isaac Weeldon on p. 154 of Scharf's. On p. 1017 of Scharf's mention is made of a property being sold by Sheriff John French on a judgment obtaining against Isaac Wholden, Aug. 14, 1699; this property contained 282 acres "on the east side of Heron Run and north of Blackbird Creek." In 1689 an Isaac Weldon was one of the members of Assembly under William Penn (Scharf's p. 408).

In Mr. Weldin's mss. book "The Weldin Family in America" reference is made to a deed recorded at Wilmington, Del. in 1695 (Vol. B. p. 197) of land being transferred by the executors of Isaac Wheeldon, Attorney, to James Almond and Isaac Wheeldon is described as "of Blackbird Creek". In this same year he is found as an attorney making a deed in Delaware but described as of Cape May Co., N.J.; again in 2 or 3 documents recorded in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1687, his residence is given as Cape May Co., N.J. In that county there are records of the purchase of 150 acres of land by Joseph Whilldin. It is presumed that Isaac lived in Phila. from 1681 to about 1688, as we was a member of Penn's Council for New Castle County in 1689. Then he seems to have lived for a few years in New Jersey about 1695 but in 1699 his will is recorded in New Castle Co., Del. Isaac, having died (1699?) seems to have left a son Joseph, who, with Wm. Robinson, settled the estate. The name of Robinson was prominent in Colonial days and was often connected with that of our own (Weldon) family. (L.C. Weldin).

This same book gives the two following records:

April 24, 1729, 142 acres of land called "Welding's Hope", surveyed for John Welding, situated on Gilpin's Run, a branch of Blackbird Creek (Appoquinimink Hd.,) Del., Surveys, p. 576.

July 22, 1745, 203¼ acres surveyed for Isaac Welding situated in the Forests of Appo. Hd., New Castle Co., Del. Surveys, p. 574.

In 1756 Ensign Daniel Weldon was commissioned as one of the officers from Appo. Hd. for the Lower Regiment of New Castle Co. p. 141, Scharf's. His name also appears on List of Revolutionary soldiers in the Penna. Archives, he is described as "from the lower part of New Castle Co., Del."

Nov. 6, 1758, Daniel Weldon received a grant of land in Appo. Hd. (Deed Record W. Vol. 1. p. 143).Mr. Lattomus was unable to find any record of the transfer of the land granted to him, or of his will or of any administration papers for Daniel Weldon (in Delaware records). In a letter dated Apr. 11, 1940 Mr. Lattomus says" When the pioneers came into this territory they chose a tract of land still unclaimed, marked its boundaries and applied to the Surveyor for a survey. When this was done, a deed, called a patent, was drawn up and executed by the Penns. Sometimes there was no patent only the survey. Often the sons of the pioneers if they could find a piece of unclaimed land would have it surveyed for them. I found a "Draughtof a parcel of land situate in the Forest of Appo. Hd. in the County of New Castle containing 134¾ acres and allowance of 6% for roads and highways, surveyed for Daniel Weldon on the 6th day of Nov. 1758 in pursuance of a warrant bearing date the 23rd day of September in the same year". L. C. Wmeldin says this is in the Book of Surveys,p.565.

Grants of land were given to Joseph Whealdon in 1700, his son, in 1745 and a John Welding in 1738, these men were Mr. Lattomus' ancestors.

It is believed that Ensign Daniel Weldon of the French and Indian Wars (Del.Archives, Vol.1. p. 11) may have been the father, grandfather, or other relative, of William and Raworth Weldon of Appo. Hd., as William had a son Daniel. The name of Daniel Weldon appears on the Assessor's List of Appo. Hd. for 1795 and 1796 and the estate of a Daniel Weldon in 1831, this latter is probably the son of William Weldon, who died in 1806.

On Jan. 1, 1779, John Mifflin conveyed to William Weldon, cordwainer, and Raworth Weldon, yeoman, both of Appo. Hd., two tracts of land in said hundred, one of which included the farm now (1940) owned by the Seiths, south of Black Bird. (D2 - p. 82). Their names appear on the Assessor's Lists from about 1778 to their deaths in 1802 and 1806. Their names are also on the Census Records of 1800. Raworth's name is usually spelled "Routh", evidently following its pronunciation. On this Census Record their ages are given as "of 45 and upwards". They probably were brothers and may have been twins, one reason for this belief is the generally accepted fact that twins occur in the second generation. William was the grandfather of Susan T.W. Ferguson - she bore twins and two of her grandchildren, Lily M. Roe and Harvey Records, had twins. (*See p. 94)

William Weldon of Appo. Hd. signed the Oath of Allegiance June 27,* 1778; he was the father of John Weldon. It is believed this John Weldon was the husband of Martha Weldon, and the father of Susan T., Martha, William and Rayworth. Hugh Hutchinson and Duncan Beard also signed this Oath of Allegiance. It is believed the daughter of this Hugh Hutchinson was the ~~daughter~~ wife of this William Weldon. In the Will of Hugh Hutchinson, probated Aug. 23, 1782 (Will Record L1 - 291) he is described as a yeoman of Appo. Hd., and the Will mentions his daughter Mary Weldon. Duncan Beard was a clockmaker; he lived near Cantwell's Bridge (Odessa).

In the will of William Weldon, dated Mar. 15, 1806, probated June 4, 1806 (Will Record Q,Vol. 1, p. 140) he mention his wife Mary, sons William, John and Daniel, grand-daughter Mary Pennington, daughter of Abraham and Mary Pennington, Massey Francis, only heir of his daughter Catherine, deceased, grand-daughter Sarah Wheldon, daughter of his son Heworth, deceased, daughters Margaret Varner and Ann Wheldon. This William Weldon was of Appo. Hd. In the body of the will the name is written "Wheldon" but the signature is "Weldon". The names of Abraham Pennington, William, John and Jacob Varner, and Mace and Massey Francis appear on the old Assessors Lists of Appo. Hd. The name of a Daniel Weldon appears on the 1800 Census; he is described as of either "16 and under 26" or "of 26 and under 45"; he is probably this William's son, as the Daniel Weldon who served in the French and Indian Wars and who received the grant of land in 1758 would have been over 45 in 1800.

Raworth Weldon, who died intestate in Jan. 1802, had a son John, but he died without issue. Raworth Weldon left a widow Elizabeth, and the following children: John, William, Hannah, Susan and Benton (Will Record P-1-79)(and Orphans Court Record I-J, Vol. 1. p. 408). John died intestate and without issue; this is verified in Orphans Court Record N-1-239. Benton died intestateleaving a widow, Ann, and five children: Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, Rayworth and Deborah. (Orphans Court Record N-1-239. His widow and son Rayworth are buried at Old Union, Appo. Hd. Hannah Weldon, daughter of Rayworth Weldon, by herwill dated June 23, 1845, probated July 20, 1855, left her property as follows: To my two nieces, Elizabeth Weldon and Hannah Broxon, formerly Hannah Weldon, and daughters of my late brother Benton Weldon. This Benton Weldon must therefore have died between 1802 nad June 23, 1845. The executor was John Broxon and John

Barnett went on his bond. This John Broxon was probably the brother of James Brockson, husband of ~~Martha~~ Margaret A. Cornelius Brockson.

Both William and Haworth Weldon had sons William. According to Mr. Lattomus, and he says verified by Orphans Court Records (I-J-1-408 and N-1-239), William, the son of Haworth, became known as William Weldon the 1st to distinguish him from William Weldon, 2nd, also referred to as William Weldon, Jr., son of the William Weldon who died in 1806. Mr. Lattomus says William Weldon, 1st, was the father of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Barnett, wife of John Barnett; they were the parents or grandparents of Will Barnett of Middletown, formerly of Black Bird. William Weldon, 1st, left another daughter Ann, who died in her minority, which made Mrs. Barnett sole heir; Ann is buried at Old Union. On file in the Hall of Records at Dover is the record of either the marriage or marriage bond of William Weldon, 1st and Sarah All, dated May 31, 1830; this was his second marriage, his first wife was Margaret -----.

William Weldon 1st died Aug. 27, 1833, aged 52 years, 2 mos., buried at Old Union. On Sept. 10, 1834, on the petition of "William Weldon" he was appointed guardian of Ann and Elizabeth D. Weldon, children of William Weldon, 1st. As William Weldon 2nd died in January 1833 (see a later paragraph) this William Weldon "guardian" must have been William W,3rd. William Weldon 1st is on the 1820 Census as "of 26 and under 45" and on the 1830 Census as "of 40 and under 50".

William Weldon 2nd (or Jr.) son of the William who died in 1806, evidently was married twice. On Apr. 25, 1812, William Weldon, Jr., and Ann (Nancy) his wife, made a deed (M-3-557). On May 9, 1827 Thompson Wilson and wife and William Weldon 2nd of Appo. Hd., trading as Wilson and Weldon conveyed an interest in some of their partnership real estate.

In this deed he signed William Weldon 2nd (G-4-75); his wife then must have been deceased. On Mar. 25, 1829, William Weldon 2nd of Kent Co., Md., and Jane, his wife, executed a deed to Thompson Wilson for the remainder of his interest in the partnership real estate. This land adjoined land of James Weldon (L-4-372). In this deed he signed William Weldon. Subsequently to May 9, 1827 he had moved to Kent Co., Md., and had married again.

At one time William Weldon 2nd owned the farm adjoining the Barnett farm on the south, below Back Bird. Both of these farms were part of the purchase by William and Reworth Weldon in 1779. In the latter part of 1829, William Weldon 2nd's land including the tract which he had inherited from his father and the partnership land, were sold by the sheriff on a judgment which John Matthews and John Ginn had obtained against him in 1818 (Deed Rec. M-4-138).

On Aug. 30, 1830, Recorded Feb. 24, 1831 in Kent Co., Md.,(JMG No. 2 p.329) William Weldon 2nd bought a plot of land from Lambert Semans and wife Lydia of Appo. Hd., New Castle Co., Del., for $350. This land adjoined that of James Blackison. Also mentioned is Sarah Ann Rankey (Kankey?) the heir of Thomas Lusby, dec'd, the heir of George Meginnis, dec'd. Sol. Semans inherited by last will of father Lambert Semans, grandfather of grantor in indenture. The name of Zebulon Kankey 1801, appears on p. 449 History of Cecil Co., Md., by George Johnston.

On Jan. 22, 1833 (Rec. Adm. Bonds, No. 11, p. 217, Reg. of Wills Office, Kent Co., Md.,) Jane Weldon, wife of William Weldon, 2nd, renounced her right to administer his estate, and on Jan. 24, 1833, Sarah Weldon, daughter of Wm. Weldon, 2nd, renounced her right to Richard Semans. The Bond (No. 11, p. 217) is dated Jan. 29, 1833. Letter of administration

were granted the same day. No other daughters or sons are mentioned. William Weldon 2nd was one of the executors named in the will of his father William, who died in 1806. (Will Rec. Q-1-140). He was at that time at least 21 years old; on the 1810 Census Record this age is given as "of 26 and under 45".

Apr. 7, 1832 "Letters of Administration upon the Estate of George Cornelius, late of New Castle County, deceased, were granted unto William Weldon 3rd, upon renunciation of Martha Cornelius, the widow, as administrator". After the death of George Cornelius, his widow married David Hall. This David Hall was the owner of the farm on which Salem M. P. Church was built. In a deed for the ground in 1844 William Weldon was named as one of the trustees; this was probably William Weldon, 3rd.

Martha Hall, in her will dated July 25, 1850, probated in New Castle Co., Dec. 12, 1853, made the following bequest: "I give and bequeath unto my niece, Mary Jane Weldon, daughter of William Weldon, Esq." one good feather bed and a few other articles. She left the residue of the property and estate to her daughter "Margaret A. Broxon, wife of James Broxon". (See later pages for Brockson biographies). The maiden name of Martha Hall, formerly Cornelius, was Martha D. Weldon. According to Franklin Brockson his mother told him her mother (Martha D. Weldon, later Cornelius later Hall) was a sister of the father of Benton V. and Willard F. Weldon of Smyrna. According to the will mentioned above the name of her brother was William Weldon.

Mary Jane Weldon, the sister of Benton V. and Willard F. Weldon married Sewell (Sewal) Mannering Oct. 13, 1860 (Kent Co. Md. Records). Sewell Mannering was a half-brother of Mary Jane Mannering, who married Rayworth Weldon, son of John and Martha Weldon, acc. to Cory W. Burge.

As William Weldon 3rd was referred to as William Weldon, Esq., by his sister Martha Hall(see paragraph above) and as his tombstone in Old Union Cemetery has the same designation, he may have been the Wm. Weldon who was representative from New Castle County in 1821 and State Senator in 1822 (Scharf's pp. 406 and 409).

On file in the Hall of Records in Dover is the record of the marriage of William Weldon 3rd and Sarah Reynolds Apr. 7, 1827. According to his grand-daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Eldridge, 118 W. 23rd St., Wilmington, their children were: (1) Willard Franklin, born Feb. 8, 1830, died Mar. 3, 1895, married Martha----, born May 12, 1840, died Feb. 24, 1900. Both are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna. They had two daughters, Mrs. Marion Wood and Mrs. Thomas L. Mason. Mrs. Mason (Mary or Mollie Weldon) was born in 1867, died in 1928, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna. (2) Sarah Ann, born Sept. 21, 1832, married John Brockson. Their children were Richard, Martha, and Rachel, one daughter died in infancy. (3) William, born Feb. 28, 1834, died Feb. 9, 1865, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Smyrna. (4) Benton Van Buren, born Aug. 15, 1836, died May 15, 1911. (See later paragraphs for further details). (5) James Reynolds, born Sept. 5, 1838. (6) Mary Jane, born Nov. 17, 1840, married Sewell Mannering Oct. 13, 1860; died Feb. 15, 1887. Children: Mary Emma, Sewell Franklin and Clifford Vandergrift. See page 108

Sarah Ann Weldon was the second wife of John Brockson; his first wife was Hannah Weldon, daughter of the first Benton, who was the son of the first Raworth. Mr. Lattomus said he understood there were two daughters by his first marriage.

Mrs. Eldridge, who was Mary Emma Mannering, told Mr. Lattomus that her mother, who was born Mary Jane Weldon, was only nine days old when her mother died and only six or seven years old when her father died. As Mary Jane Weldon was born Nov. 17, 1840, this would be around 1846, which is the date on one of the William Weldon stones at Old Union. It reads: Died Dec. 1846, aged 51 years and 3 months. Mrs. Eldridge says she always understood this grave was her grandfather's. She also said she had heard her mother say she went to school to her father which was about the closest contact she had with him, as on her mother's decease, her aunt, Martha Hall, took her and she lived with her until her death.

The second wife of William Weldon, 3rd, was Susan Naudain Van Dyke, daughter of Jacob Van Dyke, their marriage or marriage bond dated Nov. 29, 1842 is on file at Dover. They had two sons, Jacob Van Dyke Weldon and Francis, the latter dying in infancy, buried at Old Union. Jacob V. Weldon, was born Jan. 17, 1840, died Feb. 24, 1878, buried in Drawyer's Cemetery, Odessa. Del. He left two children, Mary and Chattam; they went West and are now supposed to be deceased. Susan Van Dyke was the sister of Ephraim B. Van Dyke who married Mr. Lattomus' cousin, Mollie or Mary Ellen Shawn. A daughter of this Mollie Shawn wrote Mr. Lattomus that Susan Van Dyke was born Sept. 15, 1820 and died Nov. 27, 1900. She stated her cousin Wm. Beal, 825 Mason Ave., Drexel Hill, might be able to give more information regarding Jacob V. Weldon and his children.

While Benton V. and Willard F. Weldon are spoken of as from Smyrna, they were born and raised in the vicinity of Black Bird according to the obituary of Benton V., which appeared in the Smyrna Times, dated May 17, 1911; he died May 15, 1911 at the age of 73 (75?). His parents died when he was young. His first wife was Kate (Catherine) Woodall of near Black

Bird, she died Feb. 26, 1865, aged 30 years, 7 mos., 1 day, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Smyrna. They had two children, John and Emma. Emma died June 9, 1943, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna.

Benton V's second wife was the widow Gifford (nee Julia Harper Newman of Church Hill, Md.) who survived him with theri children (1) Willard Franklin, who died Feb. 23, 1945 aged 72. Survivors, wife, Grace, son, Willard, Jr., daughter, Grace Mildred Lipshuts, all of Brooklyn; buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna. (2) Linden; (3) Julia, later Mrs. Chester Stewart, who had a son, Benton Weldon Stewart, living at Jamaica, L.I. (4) Benton Newman, born Aug. 28, 1868, died Mar. 4, 1911, buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna; wife, Margaret, daughter of Wm. Fell of Atlantic City, formerly of Smyrna; she was born Dec. 22, 1876, died Dec. 6, 1919, buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna. Julia H. Weldon died in 1935 She and her husband, Benton V., are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna.

On the Assessment List of 1778 of Appo. Hd. are the followingnames: Joseph, Abram, William, South Weldon.

Other Weldon names appearing in old Census records are: Abraham and Andrew, 1800; Andrew, Eliza, Wd., Benjamin, 1810; Benton and James, 1820; Benjamin, 1820 and 1830; William W. 3rd, 1830.

Although the family spoke of Willard and Benton Weldon as "cousins", the definite family relationship is not known and it is probably they were referring to the Benton V. who died in 1911 and Willard who died in 1895.

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On Aug. 30, 1940 Bessie S. Ferguson made application for Supplemental Membership in the D.A.R. as a descendant of the William Weldon who signed the Oath of Allegiance June 27, 1778 (see p. 87). This was verified and accepted March 15, 1952. Original D.A.R. Membership from Daniel Ferguson.

NOTES RECEIVED FROM MR. BON ISAAC WHEALDON, RONAN, Route #1, Montana.

Mr. Wheeldon was a descendant of Kent County, Delaware, families, including the Manlove, David, and Crewell families, some of whom had migrated to the West. Many of his records are in the Hall of Records, Dover, Del.

"As to the different spellings of the name, the only logical explanation arrived at through a thorough research and checking, is that such changes originated during the Middle Ages when gentlemen scorned to spell and had their papers drawn by clerks and scriveners; also that the canons of spelling were not yet developed, and much of it was phonetic. Henry Barbour in his "British Family Names" states that our name (Whealdon, Weldon, Weldin) is of Norman origin. This is based upon a chart filed in "The College-at-Arms" London, England. (Later L.C. Weldin filed a copy in the Library of the Historical Society of Penna. in Phila.) This chart begins with our ancestor, Bertramus de Wheltden, who according to chart and abbreviations attached to his name was a Bishop or other ecclesiastical Lord, under William the Conqueror. Bertramus de Wheltden's descendants are traced on this chart to the year 1685. The oldest branch retained the "t" in the name, also the hereditary title of Lord. The latest spelling of this group is Wheltden and Weltdon. Our younger branches spell the name according to individual fancy, so we have Wheldon, Whealdon, Whoeldon, Woldon, Weldin, etc., all traceable to the same ancestor."

Mr. Whealdon believed the original Weldons (of many spellings) were either English or Scotch Quakers, who settled in a temporary refuge for persecuted Friends in Sancoost, Derbingshire, North Wales. Later, one date states 1682, three brothers in company with other Friends came to the new world, settling in Delaware Colony. One of the brothers, Isaac, (and his wife Elizabeth) bought of John ap John and Thomas Wynne, a

thirty-second share in the Welsh Barony. Isaac Had surveyed to him as a part of the property, 200 acres along Darby Creek, then Chester, now Delaware County, at the location of the cotton mills known as Glenwood and Clifton. The original owners had their right from Penn.

Altho' both Mr. Whealdon and Mr. L. C. Weldin believed these Weldons came directly to Penna. and Delaware, they may have come from Plymouth Colony. Cape May County was first settled by whalers who came from New England before 1690, and there is the possibility that the Appo. Hd. Weldons originally came from Cape May County, N.J. As waterways were the principal lanes in travel in colonial days, it is not very far from Appo. Hd. Del. to Cape May Co., N.J. In the book "Mayflower Descendants in Cape May County" by Rev. Paul S. Howe is the following on p. 98: Hannah Gorham (3) Desire Howland (2), JOHN HOWLAND (1) THE PILGRIM, was born at Barnstable, Plymouth Colony, 28 Nov. 1663, died at Cape May, N.J. circa 1728, married circa 1683; Joseph Whilldin (original is spelled Wheelding) of Yarmouth, Plymouth Colony, born circa 1656-1660, died at Cape May circa 1725. On p. 12 is this: Hannah Gorham, born at Barnstable 28 Nov. 1663 "maryd a Wheelding boath movd to Cape-may" from the Wast Book. The Yarmouth Whilldins (Wheeldings) were numerous, the name appearing repeatedly in the early history of the town. The "Yarmouth Regester for marriages & burialls", preserved in the Plymouth Colony Records, etc. Books mentioned: Goodwin, p. 185 for Mayflower passenger records; Bradford, p. 534; Pilgrim Notes and Queries, Mass. Society of Mayflower Descendants; Bradford's Manuscript History of Plymouth Plantation.

The Revolutionary War Records in the Delaware Archives, Vol. 1, pp. 49,51, and 756, mention Isaac Wheladon as a private in April of 1776.

Mr. Wheeldon believed our Weldons traced back to Joseph's sons, either Jacob, John or Joseph, and that Isaac Wheeldon (1682) was our mutual ancestor. In spite of L. C. Weldin's findings, he was sure the Weldons, Wheeldons, have Isaac Wheeldon (Wheeldin) as their forebear; whereas the Weldins in upper Delaware are descendants of Isaac's two brothers. He believed they appropriated records which belong to the Wheeldon-Weldon branch. Mr. Wheeldon said he had had an old Diary of one of the early Wheeldons who had emigrated from Del. through Ohio to the West, and it mentioned a Martha and a William Weldon; one of Mr. Wheeldon's brothers was named Hayworth. Diary was borrowed and never returned to Mr. Wheeldon.

The name of Abraham Weldon is on p. 1020 of Scharf's. His father was Isaac, his grandfather was Joseph and he had an Uncle Joseph. He had two brothers Joseph and William. Mr. Lattomus said he was not in our line but may have been related to our William Weldon, father of John Weldon. The Joseph Wheeldon whose will appears on p. 24 of the book "New Castle Co. Wills", may have been this Abraham's grandfather. Joseph Wheeldon, Husbandman, N.C. Feb. 23, 1721, Oct. 2, 1721, C334. Wife, Bridget, sons, Isaac, Joseph, John and Jacob. Exc. Wife, Bridget Wheeldon.

The Isaac W. whose will apeours on p. 35 may have been Abraham's father. Isaac Weldon, Carpenter. Feb. 1, 1746, Mar. 9, 1746, Misc. 2.13. Wife, Anne, son Joseph, son William, youngest son Abraham. Exc. wife, Anne.

The William Weldon whose will appears on p. 63 may have been the son of this Isaac and the brother of Abraham: William Weldon, Mar. 30, 1766, June 21, 1766. M&I 144. "Wife", son Isaac, daus. Exc. wife.

COPIES OF WILLS REFERRING TO WELDONS, TAYLORS, AND WOODERSON,
FROM BOOK "NEW CASTLE COUNTY WILLS(UP TO 1800)

P.8 - William Hatten. Duck Creek Hd., Feb. 9, 1687, Misc. 1.174. Wife, Elizabeth, two daughters, youngest Martha, James Harrison, Kinswoman, Mary Hall. Exc. wife, Elizabeth Wheeldon, Rebecca Hatton, Joseph Houlding, Isaac Wheeldon.

P. 24 - Joseph Wheeldon - Husbandmand, N.C. Feb. 28, 1721, Oct. 2, 1721. C334. Wife, Bridget, son, Isaac, sons, John and Jacob. Exc. Wife, Bridget Wheeldon.

P. 26 - Richard Green. Mar. 15, 1725, July 12, 1726. Misc. 1. 89. Brother Jacob Weldin, couzen, Mary William, Exc. Mother, Mary Green.

p. 55 - Isaac Weldon. Carpenter. Feb. 1, 1746, Mar. 9. 1746. Misc. 2.13. Wife, Anne, son Joseph, son William, youngest son Abraham. Exc. wife, Anne.

P. 63 - William Weldon, Mar. 30, 1766, June 21, 1766. H & I 144. "Wife", son Isaac Weldon, daus. Exc. wife.

P. 74 - John Weldin. Mar. 31, 1767, Mar. 25, 1774. K124. Son, John Wheldon, sons John and Joseph Wheldon, grandson, William Shaw. Exc. son James, dau. Mary.

p. 98 - Hugh Hutchinson, Yeomen, Appo. Hd. Apr. 6, 1780 (or 1782). Aug. 23, 1782. M - 291. Wife, Mary, daughters, Mary Weldon, Martha Thomas, Ann Hutchinson, son John, Exc. Wife, Mary, son John.

p. 101- Joseph Wheldin, Oct. 27, 1781, Dec. 8, 1783. L373. Wife, Sarah, sons, Joseph, Benjamin and Josiah, daughters, Elizabeth and Lilda. Exc. wife, Sarah.

P. 113 - Sarah Weldon, Widow, Fort Penn, Nov. 5, 1787, Nov. 22, 1787. N292. Dau. Lydia, wife of Joseph Harris, dau. Elizabeth, wife of Richard Simmons, sons Benjamin and John Weldin.

P. 116 - Isaac Weldin, Husbandman, B'wine Hd. Sept. 5, 1788, Sept. 15, 1788. M348. Wife, children, Jacob Weldin, George Weldin, Isabel Sharpley, Margaret Kineman, Sarah Smith, Mary Weldin & Eli Weldin.Exc. son, Jacob.

P. 130 - Richard Kellam, Farmer, Brandywine Hd. Dec. 28, 1786. Oct. 4, 1793. N356. son David, grandson Isaacn Weldon, son of dau Mary, dau. Margaret Rambo, Exc. son David and John White.

P. 53 - William Holliday. Appo. Hd. Jan. 17, 1754, May 21, 1755.Misc. 1. 205. son John Holliday, Richard Taylor, dau. Rachel Taylor, Joseph Holliday, Benjamin Holliday, Exc. Anna Holliday, senior, John Holliday.

P. 94 - Margaret Steele - Sept. 23, 1780, Oct. 2, 1780. L208. Daughters Jane Alexander, Margaret Rankin and Hanna Moore, grandson Andrew, granddau. Martha Taylor, Exc. dau. Margaret Rankin, son-in-law, Isaac Alexander.

P. 114 - Richard Taylor, Appo. Hd. Feb. 1788, Mar. 13, 1788. M308. Wife, Martha, two children Richard and Susanna Taylor, Exc., wife, Martha. (Mr. Lattomus says Ann Reynolds and Mary deFord were his sisters, a brother, Abram, deceased; they were the children of Abram Taylor, Sr.)

P. 128 - William Wooderson, Farmer, Appo. Hd. Nov. 23, 1792. Dec. 6, 1792 N305. Wife, Martha, son Richard, Dau. Sarah, and unborn child.

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The MARGARET EDWARDS who was born Feb. 12, 1803, died Feb. 27, 1859, buried at Old Union Appo. Hd., near the Ferguson lot, was a tailoress and seamstress, who did a great deal of work for Susan T.T. Ferguson, with whom she lived most of the time and made it her headquarters. The suit of clothes worn by B. B. Ferguson in the old Daguerrotype was made by her. She also worked for Mr. George Armstrong's mother, she made his clothes from "Benny" Ferguson's patterns.

THE ROWAND FAMILY

DESCENDANTS OF ELLICKSANDER ROWAND, 1654-1743

From a Paper the Property of Hon. Harry H. Rowand, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa. 709 City-County Bldg., Pittsburgh, Penna. - June 24, 1946.

The earliest ancestor we have any record of, came with other Quakers from near Paisley, Scotland, to America in 1675. His descendents, with others, in whom we are not directly interested were John Rowand (1) 1723-1801, who married Sarah Matlack, by Society of Friends ceremony in Haddonfield, N.J. Sept. 1, 1744 (Old Style), the certificate of said marriage bearing the signatures of thirty-seven (37?) witnesses and from which we get the name Ellicksander, is in the possession of Mrs. W. H. *Mille B* Perret of 37 Colford Avenue, Collingswood, N.J., a great, great granddaughter of Thomas Rowand, 1783-1857. (Thomas G. Rowand, Sr. spoke of Mrs. Perret as "Cousin Millie").

(In the marriage certificate of John Rowand and Sarah Matlack he is described as the son of Ellicksander Rowand deceased - John was of the Township of Waterford, in the County of Gloucester & Province of West Jersey - she was the daughter of John Matlack of the same Township, County and Province. The names of the Witnesses on the copy are Thomas Rodman, Isaac Andrews, Joseph Long, Joseph Tomlinson, Isaian Morgan, * Rebecca Clement, Ruth Haines, Sarah Inskeep, Martha Matlack, Mary Gill, Phebey Burroughs, Sarah Hopkins, Eliza Hillman, John Inskeep, Uriah French, Debro Matlack, John Rowand, Sarah Rowan, John Matlack, Abigail Rowand, Timo Matlack, Richard Matlack, James Rowand, John Maxwell, Isaac Matlack, Jacob Matlack, Reuben Haines, Benjamin Heretage, Thomas Stokes, Johnathan French, John Matlack, Jun., Ann Rowand, Mary Rowand.)

*Insert: Ann A. Morgan

John Howand (2nd) 1760-1841 - who married Frances Linville in 1780, they (Great Great Grandfather) had Thomas Howand 1783-1857, Great Grandfather, who married Elizabeth Sharp, Sept. 1, 1805, they had Archibald Hamilton Howand, 1820-1891, Grandfather, who married Catherine Parkhill Greer on May 22nd 1842.

These four brothers according to tradition, and in one case record, settled in and about Camden and after a while separated. One of whom went North and we have traced a few of his descendants in Rhode Island. John Howand(1) wasfar as we can learn owned a farm near Haddonfield, N.J. part of which tract became the settlement of Rowandstown now called Westmont, Camden County, N.J. His children so far as we can trace were as follows: Jacob, born about 1750, who married Annie Heppard in 1771 as shown by the Marriage license book in the office of the Secretary of State in Trenton, N.J. James, born about 1752, we have no record of. Alexander bron about 1754 who had a blacksmith ship and store at the corner of Haddon Ave. and Tanner St., Haddonfield, N.J. from Sept. 8, 1775 to Nov. 13, 1786, and who followed the same vocation at Sycamore Lick from August 7, 1789 at Strata Station Oct. 6 to Nov. 6, 1789 and at West Ford Oct. 7, 1790, all three of which places are or were in Harman County, West Virginia, (originally Virginia). These particulars I got from his ledger now owned by his grandson Benjamin Franklin Howand of Bridgeport, W. Va., showing voluminous transactions in Haddonfield, Pages 1 to 223, but few in Virginia, pages 1 to 17, which was supposed to close all the transactions at the three last places. The last transaction in Haddonfield was on Nov. 13, 1786; he must have left Haddonfield about that date but where he remained until his transaction in Virginia from August 7, 1789 to th end as shown by the ledger, namely, Oct. 7, 1790, we have been unable to ascertain as yet.

Have learned that he lost his valuable farm of 200 acres in Virginia under Judgment for going security for a friend. On the cover is plainly written in John Hancock style: ALEXANDER ROWAND, his Book of Accoumpts September ye 8th 1775.

In 1785 Alexander married, his second venture, Phoebe Clement, of Gloucester County, as shown by the marriage license book in the office of the Sec. of State, Trenton, N.J.

John Rowand (2nd) whose family Bible we have and from which most of the following particulars, was born 1750 and died March 10, 1841. Was married in 1780 in Darby to Frances Linville (who was not a Quakeress) of Lancaster County, Penna. She was born 1755 and died April 4, 1839, and their children were as follows: Mary, born Jan. 24, 1782, died May 27, 1830; Thomas, born Oct. 30, 1783, died Nov. 6, 1857; Sarah, born May 14, 1785, date of death unknown; William, born June 18, 1787, date of death unknown; Arthur, Apr. 18, 1789, died Jul. 4, 1790; John, III, Dec. 31, 1790, died Mar. 11, 1811; Elizabeth, born Aug. 7, 1793; died Mar. 20, 1846; Abigail, born Aug. 14, 1795, died Apr. 28, 1847; Jacob Linville, born Oct. 10, 1799, died Sept. 14, 1880; and Edward, born Oct. 20, 1801, died Aug. 9, 1802.

Joseph, born about 1765, owned the farm "Rowandstown", now Westmont, N.J. Robert, in 1799, married Elizabeth Barton at Haddonfield, N.J.

Descendants of THOMAS ROWAND, 1783-1857 were: Joseph Terrapine, 1807-1876; Charles Lewis, 1808-1871; John Randolph, 1811-1875; Joseph Sharp, 1813-?; Hannah Anne, 1815-1870; Mary Hindon, 1817-1873; Archibald Hamilton, 1820-1891; Thomas Weston, 1827-1873.

The Pittsburgh Rowands are descendants of Archibald Hamilton. The Thomas Rowand descendants are living in and about Phila. and Camden, N.J.

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THOMAS GARWOOD ROWAND was born in Camden, N.J. Feb. 15, 1885, died July 16, 1953, buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del., son of Charles Cooper McElroy Rowand and Mary Elizabeth Cunningham Rowand. He married Susan Eleanor Ferguson at Westmont, N.J. June 26, 1912

Charles Cooper McElroy Rowand, born in Camden June 7, 1855, died Oaklyn, N.J. Aug. 26, 1935, was the son of Thomas Garwood Rowand, M.D. and Deborah Jane (McElroy) Rowand. He married Mary E. Cunningham in Camden, N.J. Feb. 21, 1884; she was born in Camden, July 1, 1860, the daughter of Capt. John Rooney (or Rodney?) Cunningham and Mary Elizabeth Wieters Cunningham; she died in Camden, May 25, 1923; she and her husband are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden. They had three children: Thomas Garwood, Lola Cunningham, and John Earl. Lola married Samuel Thomas and they had six children: Earl, Paul, Charles, William, Eleanor, and Kenneth. John Earl married Sue Patterson and they had two children; Beatrice and John Earl, Jr.

Thomas Garwood Rowand, M. D., was born at Carpenter's Landing, N.J. Aug. 27, 1829, died Camden, N.J. Jan. 6, 1897. Married Deborah Jane McElroy Camden, N.J. Sept. 20, 1849; she was born June 3, 1828, died at Camden, N.J. January 3, 1882. Both are buried in Evergreen Cem. Camden.

Capt. John Rooney (or Rodney) Cunningham was born in 1824, died at Camden, N.J. Married Mary Elizabeth Wieters, who was born in Philadelphia, died in Camden, N.J. in 1910. Both are buried in Old Camden Cemetery, Camden, N.J.

THE BROCKSON FAMILY

From Runk's Biographical History of Delaware, page 329.

FRANKLIN BROCKSON, ESQ., Wilmington, New Castle County(N.B. His office only was in Wilmington, his home was at Clayton), Delaware, son of James and Margaret Ann (Cornelius) Brockson, was born in Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County, Del., August 6, 1865.

Mr. Brockson's ancestors, paternal and maternal, were tillers of the soil in New Castle County, Del., where each of them lived during nearly all the time of their respective lives. His paternal grandparents, Richard Brockson and Letitia (Atkinson) Brockson, had four children: i, James, ii, John, iii, Richard, Jr., deceased, iv, Rachel, deceased.

James Brockson, eldest son of Richard and Letitia (Atkinson) Brockson, was born in 1818 in New Castle County, Del. He lived on a farm from boyhood, was a successful farmer, and in 1896 was able to retire from the labors of farm life. In that year he removed to his present home in Clayton, Del., where he is now enjoying well earned rest and freedom from care. James Brockson was married to Margaret Ann, daughter of Abel George and Martha D. (Weldon) Cornelius on June 30, 1846. Their children are : i, Richard C., merchant, Blackbird, Del.; ii, John E., farmer, resides at Blackbird Landing, New Castle County, Del.; iii, Martha Letitia, died in infancy; iv, Elizabeth Amanda (Mrs. William B. Weldon) of Appo. Hundred, New Castle County, Del.; v, George, merchant, Clayton, Del.; vi Ellen, resides at home with her parents in Clayton, Del.; vii, William, merchant, resides at Middletown, Del.; viii, Mary Emma, (Mrs. J. E. Lattomus) of Blackbird Hundred, New Castle Co. Del.; ix, Samuel J., farming in Kenton Hundred, Kent Co., Del., x, Franklin,; xi, Clarence V., clerk in the store of his brother, William Brockson, at Middletown.

Franklin Brockson, Esq., sixth son of James and Margaret Ann (Cornelius) Brockson was raised on the farm with his parents in Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County, Del., where he attended the public schools of the district. He spent about four years as clerk in a general store in Clayton, and about two years in a clothing store in Smyrna. In the autumn of 1887, he entered the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, DEl, and graduated from that institution on June 19, 1890. For two years Mr. Brockson taught school at Port Penn, Del., resigning his position to accept the principalship of the public schools at Marshallton, Del., which position he acceptably filled for two years, resigning in June 1895. In the autumn of the same year he entered the Law Department of Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va., graduated June 17, 1896, and was admitted to the Delaware Bar, in New Castle Co., Sept. 21, 1896. Mr. Brockson is a member of the M. E. Church at Clayton, Del.

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Franklin Brockson was elected to the U. S. Congress (House of Representatives) from Delaware in 1913.

In a letter dated Mar. 20th 1940, Franklin Brockson says of his family:

PATERNAL ANCESTORS

The County records contain evidence which strongly tend to prove that James Broxton was the grandfather of my Father. Since I cannot corroborate this evidence, I do not say that the said James Broxton was the grandfather of my Father. I will simply inform you of the facts.

"James Broxton of Appk. Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware" left his will, dated Mar. 12, 1808 and probated in New Castle County, Del., Apr. 5, 1808, whereby he gave to his wife, Rachel Broxton all his real estate, to have and use during her life, and from and after her death,

he gave to his two sons, Richard and James, and to his two daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel Broxton, each efa share of his estate absolutely.

The Christian name of that testator, the Christian name of his wife, and the Christian names of his four children, mentioned in said will, have been used by my near relatives. James was the name of my Father. Rachel was the name of the Sister of my Father and the name of a daughter of my Uncle, John Brockson. Richard was the name of my paternal grandfather, the name of my Brother, and the name of a son of my Uncle, John Brockson. Elizabeth was the name of my Sister, Elizabeth Amanda (Brockson) Weldon, and the name of a daughter of my Uncle John Brockson. It seems improbable that all the Christian names appearing in that will would have been used by my near relatives if the testator of that will were not our ancestor. The dates are consistent with such a line of descent. My Father was born in 1818.

If I am a descendant of the above named James Broxton, my family name has been spelled in three different ways, namely, Broxton, Broxon, and Brockson. I was informed that this name was formerly spelled Broxon, but until the last few days, I had no information that indicated that our family name was spelled Broxton years ago. My grandfather, Richard Broxon, owned a parcel of land in Appo. Hd., Del., at the time of his death. After his death, my Father and my Mother conveyed their interest in that parcel of land to John Broxon, by their deed, dated Feb. 1, 1850. The signatures of may Father and my Mother, to that deed, were written Brockson. Hence, my family name has been spelled Brockson for more than ninety years.

Jan. 19, 1790 "letters of administration on the estate of James Atkinson, of Appoquinimink Hundred, deceased, were granted unto Catherine Atkinson, widow and proper administratrix."

I cannot show the relation between that family and my paternal Grandmother. That administration shows that the Atkinson family resided in Appo. Hd., Del. about 150 years ago. Hence the said James Atkinston and Catherine Atkinson, his wife, may have been the parents of my paternal Grandmother, Letitia.

MATERNAL ANCESTORS

Apr. 7, 1832 "Letters of Administration upon the Estate of George Cornelius, late of New Castle County , deceased, were granted unto William Weldon, 3d., upon renunciation of Martha Cornelius, the widow, as administrator."

I believe that the above named "George Cornelius", deceased was "Abel George Cornelius", my maternal Grandfather. My Mother was born in 1828. She informed us she was a small child when her Father died.

Sister Emma and I agree and believe that the maiden name of our maternal Grandmother was Martha D. Weldon and that she was a widow once, only, and that was when she was the widow Cornelius. Sister Emma's guess is (and I believe it to be a good one) that the middle name of our maternal Grandmother was Derrickson. I think her mother was a Derrickson. She frequently spoke of "Aunt Lizzie Derrickson". Sister Emma remembers "Aunt Lizzie Derrickson". She and our Mother, and her family and our family visited each other. I think "Aunt Lizzie Derrickson" was my Mother's Aunt, by marriage.

(The marriage bond of George Cornelius and Martha Weldon, dated Dec. 14, 1823, is recorded in the Hall of Records, Dover, Del., Vol. 21, p.181.)

Since our maternal Grandmother seems to have used for her middle name the family name of her Mother, she may have taken her first name, Martha, from that side of the family. However, I am not informed as to the family

connection, if any, between your Martha (Weldon) and our Martha (Weldon) nor am I informed as to the connection between your Weldon family and our Weldon family.

My maternal Grandmother, widow of Abel George Cornelius, deceased, married David Hall. She was the widow Hall at the time of her death in 1853. She, Martha Hall, left her will, dated July 25, 1850, probated in New Castle County, Del. Dec. 12, 1853, wherein she made the following mentioned bequest, namely: "I give and bequeath unto my Niece, Mary Jane Weldon*, daughter of William Weldon, Esq." one good feather bed and a few other articles. She devised and bequeathed all the residue of her property and estate unto her Daughter "Margaret A. Broxon wife of James Broxon", who were subsequently my parents.

The William Weldon named in this will was also the father of Benton V. Weldon and Willard F. Weldon, who resided in Smyrna, Del., for a number of years. My Mother informed us that the father of Mary Jane Weldon* and the other Weldons last mentioned above, was a brother of her Mother. (This would bring Martha W. and William sister and brother.--S.F.) These facts, I believe show that the maiden name of my maternal Grandmother was Weldon. (I have been unable to learn the Christian name of her Father.) In addition to the evidence of this will, it appears by the above mentioned letters of administration upon the estate of George Cornelius, deceased, that his widow, Martha Hall, renounced her right to administer said Estate, in favor of William Weldon, 3d, who most likely was a near relative of hers, and probably her brother. (The end of Franklin Brockson's letter dated March 20, 1940.)

*It is fairly certian that this is the Mary Jane Weldon who married Sewell Mannering and that she and her brothers Benton V. and Willard F. were the children of William Weldon, 3d. See page 92.

Franklin Brockson in this letter also tells of the division of Appoquiniminik Hundred into two parts in 1875. The northern part retained that name and the southern part was given the name of Blackbird Hundred, so that the place of residence of our ancestors before 1875 may have been that part of Appo. Hd. which is now Blackbird Hundred.

He states also that County records show that members of the Brockson family, of the Atkinson family, and of the Weldon family resided in Appo. Hd. for many years, probably 150 to 200 years, and members of the Cornelius family more than 100 years. (There are records of the Weldon family in this Hundred in the 1600's.B.B.F.)

The Uncle John Brockson which Franklin Brockson mentions is buried at Old Union. Hi stone reads"John Brockson, July 1, 1907 in his 90th year." This John Brockson, a brother of James Brockson father of Richard, Franklin and the other Brocksons, had four daughters and one son according to Margaret Weldon Pearce. The daughters were Elizabeth (Lib), first marriage Hobson, second Gibbons; Rachel, married William Fennimore; Martha, married a Cullen; Hannah, married a Reynolds, her daughter Elizabeth married a Barnett. The son, Richard, usually called "Little Dick" to differentiate him from his uncle, Richard, lived in Salem, N.J. (The sequence of the names above may not be the sequence of their births.)

Rachel (Brockson) and William Fennimore had at least three children, Clara, Ethel, and William, Jr. Ethel married William Watson.

It is likely that the Brockson orginally attended Old Union Church, Appo. Hd., however, at one time there seems to have been a difference of opinion as to the conduct of the church affairs or its discipline, and several of the members left, among them some of the Brockson and the Webster, and they joined Salem M. P. Church. See Scharff's, p. 1026.

Richard Brockson was elected to the State Legislature in 1838. (Conrad's History of Del. p. 275). The Smyrna Times, Aug. 28, 1939 says in its "50 Years Ago" column: "James W. Lattomus, son of A. C. Lattomus of Greenspring has been appointed by Representative Richard C. Brockson to a 4-years scholarship at Delaware College."

My mother (Alice E. Ferguson) had a very high regard for all members of the Brockson family, especially for their many kindnesses to her when she went to Delaware as a young bride in a strange land. At that time "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Brockson lived on the Dr. Ashcraft farm and she often spoke of the enjoyable visits she had there, and of the delicious peaches. She was with them when their son John "Eddie" Brockson moved to the Blackbird Landing Farm and his sister Amanda went with him to keep house until she was married the next February to William Weldon; Lily Gibbons then kept house for him until he married Lottie Brockson, this probably was about 1887 or 1888.

While we lived in Delaware we had many pleasant times at the Landing Farm; "Aunt Lottie" and "Uncle Eddie" Brockson had a croquet court set up in their apple orchard and Father, especially enjoyed stopping there for a game with them.

On account of the close friendship between the families all of the Brockson were "Aunts" and "Uncles" to my sister Susan and to me.

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James Brockson died Jan. 28, 1902 in his 84th year (Born in 1818)

Margaret Ann, his wife, born Dec. 19, 1828, died Feb. 14, 1907. Both are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Del.

Richard Cornelius Brockson, born May 1, 1847, died Jan. 29, 1911. Married Temperance Bessie Ferguson (see p. 44). Both are buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown, Del.

John Edward(?) (Eddie) Brockson, died Dec. 3, 1928, age 80 years. Married Lottie Robinson, originally from Wilmington, both are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Del.

Martha Letitia, died in infancy.

Elizabeth Amanda Brockson, born Aug. 14, 1852, died May 3, 1930. Married William Weldon, who was born Aug. 29, 1854, died June 26, 1922. (See p. 81). Both are buried at Old Union.

George Brockson, died Mar. 24, 1941 aged 86 years. Married Margaret Stevenson Appil 23, 1886 at Greenspring, Del. She died Oct. 2, 1949; both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Smyrna, Del. They had one son, Ralph. The Rev. A. D. Melvin married George and Margaret Brockson.

Ellen (Ella) Brockson, died Nov. 16, 1937, buried Odd Fellows Cem.

William Brockson, died May 20, 1941, age 82 years. Married Laura Jump of Camden, N.J. Both are buried in Forest Cemetery, Middletown.

Mary Emma Brockson, married J. E. Lattomus. (Two sons?). Died ??

Samuel Brockson, died June 6, 1946. 1st wife, Amanda Lattomus, sister of James W., one son, Irving. 2nd wife, Emma Choate. Burials in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Del. 1st marriageApr. 12, 1893.

Franklin Brockson, died Mar. 16, 1942, buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Del. See pp 104 and 105 for biography.

Clarence Brockson, married Martha (Mattie) Robinson, sister of Lottie Robinson Brockson. He died Aug. 24, 1951. Buried in Odd Fellows Cem.(?). One son, Edmund.

THE WESLEY FAMILY

John Wesley was born June 17, 1846, died 1925; his wife, Elizabeth Alice Stockham Wesley, Sept. 25, 1844, died 1920. Both are buried in the Wesley lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden. Theri children were (1) Katherine M. born May 24, 1868, died Mar. 10, 1953, married William Haegele, no children. (2) Annie E., born Mar. 14, 1870, married George Moffett, three children, Elsie, Arthur, and George, all are married. (3) Amy, born Dec. 1, 1872, died June 20, 1947, Married George Goldthorpe, three children, Wesley, Katherine, and Mabel, all are married. (4) Edward W., born June 18, ??, died early manhood, not married. (5) Alice M., died Oct. 24, 1949, aged 74, married Robert H. Fleming. (6) John, born June 17, 1877, married Mabel ??, no children. (7) Beatrice E., born July 20, 1879, died July 22, 1952, married Horace Beideman, two daughters, one died in girlhood. (8) Charles F., born June 21, 1883, died July 6, 1945, married Edith Hagerty, two children, Charles F. Jr., and Lois./ both are married (9) Edith May, born June 17, 1886, married Ralph Mattson, two children, Alice Mary and John. Both married. All were born in England except Edith. As of this date (March 1955) the only survivors are Annie, John, and Edith.

As a young boy John Wesley was apprenticed to a firm named Farrants on Buckingham Palace Road, London. A few years after his marriage they moved to Leeds, then to Bradford where he opened a store for himself. From Bradford the family moved to Preston on River Ribble (?) near St. John's Church.

On May 23rd 1884, the family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley, the children, his father, his mother, and his sister Annie, sailed on "The British Princess" and landed in Philadelphia June 9, 1884. They were to have been met by a relative (it is believed a brother Henry) but for

some unknown reason he failed to appear and they never heard from him afterwards. It has always been a great mystery as to what happened to him and why he did not meet the John Wesley family. They may have first gone to Frankford, Phila., but they settled in Camden, N.J. and through a coincidence they became reunited with my mother, Alice E. (Perkins) Ferguson. At that time Father had a drug store in Camden and he told Mother of one of his customers, a little English girl, who rattled off the ingredients for a Cough Syrup. Mother recognized these as an old English recipet; she asked Father to let her know the next time the little girl came in; he did this and the little girl said her name was Alice Wesley; Mother told her her mother's name had been Eleanor Wesley. Alice brought her mother to the store and my mother recognized her as one she remembered as a"beautiful bride."

When Mother was a little girl Mr. John Wesley brought his bride to their home and Mother said she was a beautiful young woman. Mother always remembered this incident and could describe in deatil the dress worn by the bride that day, and she resolved when she was a young lady to have one just like it. As Mr. Wesley moved from London shortly after his marriage the families drifted apart and lost sight of each other. At the time of the reunion the Wesleys had only recently arrived in America and they were very strange and very lonely. In later years they told how much it meant to them to find Mother, and Alice Wesley said how thrilled she was as a little girl to think they knew someone in America and more thrilled to know that someone was a Doctor's wife! And thus was renewed an old family friendship which has continued through the years.

John Wesley's father was a Benjamin Wesley, born Oct. 6, 1821, died about Sept. 1893 or 94, buried in a Frankford Phila. cemetery, probably

a Methodist one. His wife, Maria Louis W., born July 16, 1921, died ?? is buried in the Wesley lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden. Their daughter, Annie, born Mar. 15, ?? died about 1889; buried same cemetery in Frankford as her father but not in the same lot.

This Benjamin Wesley's father was William W. According to Charles Wesley (1883-1945) this William W.'s father was Thomas W. Thomas W. was a blacksmith and came from Barratt; his apprenticeship papers are dated 1784 and describe Thomas was from the parish of St. Giles in Stony Stratford in the county of Bucks. Barratt was the birthplace of Sarah Temple, and possibly also of her husband, Benjamin Wesley (Alice E. Ferguson's grandparents). Mother says they called Benjamin W., the father of John Wesley, "Cousin Benjamin" and she thinks his father William W. may have been a brother or other close relative of her grandfather Benjamin W. It is believed all of these Wesleys are related to John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism, but the exact connection is not known. Charles Wesley (1883-1945) was told by his father and his grandmother his great-great-grandfather Thomas W. was married to a Miss Washington, either a Sarah or a Martha. Mother also knew of this marriage.

Records from St. Michael's Church, St. Albans, Herts, England:
Baptisms: Dec. 14, 1794, Thomas, son of Thomas and Sussanah Wesley.

February 18, 1798, Sarah, daughter to the above.

Oct. 25, 1801, William, son of Thomas & Sussana Westley (Wesley)
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(For further information about John and Charles Wesley see "The Beginnings of Methodism in England and America" by Francis H. Tees. Also "The Memorials" of the Wesley Family by Stevenson, pub. in London in 1876. A copy is in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.)

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